

# IMF's Regional Capacity Development Centers in Asia and the Pacific

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## PFTAC



**David Anthony Kloeden**  
Project Coordinator  
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Prior to the appointment of David Kloeden as Coordinator of Pacific Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC), from 2014 till early 2017 he headed Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre, the equivalent of PFTAC in the Caribbean. With 20+ years as an IMF tax administration specialist, he has extensive Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) experience. He most recently led the Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool – TADAT project, and as Deputy Chief in the Fiscal Affairs Department he managed the Tax Policy and Administration Topical Trust Fund to support DRM efforts in low income countries. Following Australian government service, between 1992 and 2002 he was a resident IMF tax advisor in Sri Lanka, Albania, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, assisting in a diverse range of reforms. He is a CPA, has an undergraduate degree in information technology and post graduate degrees respectively in financial management, tax law, and economics.

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## SARTTAC



**Sukhwinder Singh**  
Director  
SARTTAC

Sukhwinder Singh is the Director of the South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC). He has worked at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for 20 years, serving in the Strategy, Policy and Review, Asian and Pacific, and African Departments. During this time, he served as IMF resident representative in Nepal and Ethiopia, mission chief to Chad and Cape Verde, Assistant to the Director of the African Department, and Center Coordinator of the IMF's East AFRITAC in Tanzania. Prior to joining the IMF, Singh worked at the Bank of England, was an Overseas Development Institute fellow at the Bank of Guyana, and also worked at the Canadian International Development Agency.

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## STI



**Stephan Danninger**  
Director  
STI

Stephan Danninger was appointed Director of the IMF – Singapore Regional Training Institute (STI) in August 2017. Prior to taking on the position, he worked for 17 years at the IMF headquarters in Washington D.C. During this period, he led projects and teams in various capacities, including the macroeconomic analysis and forecast for Germany, Japan and the United States. He also worked in the IMF's Research Department and published in various academic journals on topics related to growth, inflation, trade, fiscal policy, financial spillovers and labor market issues. Danninger is an Austrian national and holds a PhD in Economics from Columbia University, New York.

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## TAOLAM



**David Cowen**  
Director  
TAOLAM

David Cowen has headed the IMF's Technical Assistance Office in Thailand (TAOLAM) since September 2015. In the Asia and Pacific Department (APD), he served previously as the department's mission chief on Indonesia, led divisions in East and South Asia, and was an advisor in APD's front office. In his capacity as a mission chief, he also led the Fund's work on Bangladesh and Solomon Islands, each under an IMF-supported program, as well as on Cambodia and Lao P.D.R. Between 2004 and 2008, Cowen was based in the IMF's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo, where he focused on regional capital market developments and integration issues. Earlier, he was a desk economist on India and Vietnam and in the Fund's African and Statistics Departments.

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## CICDC



**Ling Hui Tan**  
Coordinator  
CICDC

Ling Hui Tan was appointed Coordinator of the newly inaugurated China-IMF Capacity Development Center (CICDC) in August 2017. Prior to taking on the position, she worked for over 20 years at the IMF headquarters in Washington D.C., primarily in the Institute for Capacity Development, where she was the division chief responsible for the macroeconomics training program in Asia and the Pacific, and in the IMF's Independent Evaluation Office, where she led and/or contributed to evaluations of the IMF's work in a wide range of areas including social protection, crisis programs in the euro area, technical assistance, capital account liberalization, and international trade policy issues. Her research publications include papers on trade and structural policy issues in various academic journals. Tan is a Singapore national and holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard University.