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Mr. Jason Allford is the World Bank Group's Special Representative to Korea, a role he commenced in August 2021. Mr. Allford manages the World Bank's Korea Office, a global hub on innovation and technology for sustainable development. The office has a team of more than 30 staff and consultants from diverse backgrounds focused on bringing lessons from Korea's development experience – particularly in relation to innovation, technology, and green growth – and applying them to the World Bank's operational work in other World Bank member countries. It links Korean public and private sector partners with other parts of the World Bank Group and with counterparts in other countries. The office was established in Songdo, Korea in 2013. The Korean Government and the World Bank Group renewed their support for the office and its role in the World Bank's work program for the third time in July 2021.

Mr. Allford was educated in economics at the University of Tasmania and the London School of Economics and Political Science. He joined the Australian Government in 1994, starting a career focusing on macroeconomic analysis, forecasting and fiscal policy. He has also worked for governments in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. He previously worked at the World Bank Group from 2014 to 2018, representing fifteen countries from Asia and the Pacific on the Bank's Board of Directors. He has also worked as an adviser on fiscal policy to governments in Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.