

# Curriculum Vitae

## **(Session 3) Knowledge Sharing for Developing Ports(with ADB) From Bottlenecks to Breakthroughs: Financing Solutions for the Global Port and Maritime Sector**

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Yesim Elhan-Kayalar is an economist with a career spanning over 32 years in development and academia. Currently serving as an Advisor to the Chief Economist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), she brings expertise in international development, marked by achievements across 31 countries, with a particular focus on infrastructure and finance sectors.

In her current position, Elhan-Kayalar specializes in developing knowledge and policy solutions addressing critical challenges in Asia and the Pacific, with a specific emphasis on maritime and shipping, decarbonization and digital transformation. Her work bridges theoretical economic research with practical, long-term development strategies. Her career shows her deep commitment to creating sustainable economic solutions and driving meaningful development across diverse global contexts.

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