

# Biography

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Biography	<p><b>Yesim Elhan-Kayalar, Advisor</b> <b>Office of the Chief Economist</b> <b>Asian Development Bank</b></p> <p>Yesim Elhan-Kayalar is an economist with more than 32 years of work experience in the development sector and academia in 30 countries. She has worked at national and regional levels to create long-term development solutions in public sector management, infrastructure, and finance sectors. During her tenure at ADB, she has held senior positions, including as Country Director for Georgia, where she led ADB's country development strategy and portfolio during 2015-2019. She has served on corporate committees for ADB's gender, governance and public finance policy and interventions. In her current role as Advisor to the Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank, Elhan-Kayalar specializes in knowledge and policy solutions for high-impact development assistance in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Elhan-Kayalar holds a PhD in economics from the University of California; qualifications in finance and management from Harvard University, University of Michigan, and National University of Singapore.</p>