

Navigating Uncertain Times: Scenario Planning in Development

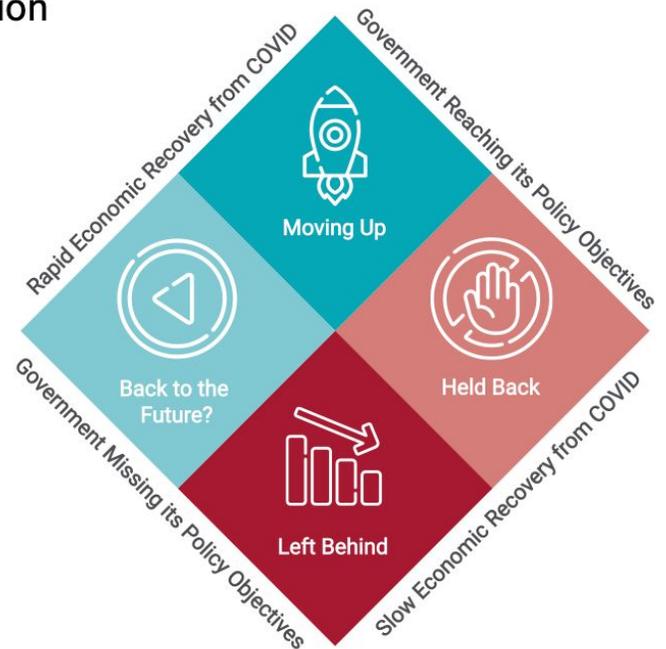
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Panellists:

Cecilia Brady & Bahman Kashi - Limestone Analytics
Grace Kumchulesi - Malawi National Planning Commission

Moderated by:

Lindsay Wallace - Limestone Analytics



Cecilia Brady

Cecilia is the Lead of Scenario Planning at Limestone Analytics. She believes that better solutions emerge from diverse points of view. Collaboration and creative thinking are critical for solving complex development challenges; this is especially true during this time of global crisis. Since 2017, Cecilia has advised organizations such as the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development and the United Nations Development Programme, among others, on how to create partnerships with the private sector, and how to build staff skills necessary for effective collaboration. Cecilia spent 7 years at USAID as a Senior Partnerships Advisor.



Bahman Kashi

Bahman Kashi is the founder and president of Limestone Analytics and an adjunct faculty at Queen's University. His passion, consulting career, and academic activities are concerned with expanding the scope and relevance of economic analysis in decision making. He is currently an advisor to the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) on cost-benefit analysis, and serves as the Research Director for USAID's Learning, Evaluation, and Analysis Project (LEAP) III. Dr. Kashi is also the Director for the Certified Professional Impact Analyst (CPIA) course at Queen's University.



Grace Kumchulesi

Grace Kumchulesi is a Development Economist with 15 years of experience through her roles as a university lecturer, project manager, and researcher. She is currently the Director for Development Planning at the National Planning Commission of Malawi. Her overall role is to provide strategic and technical management oversight of the development of medium- and long-term development plans. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Cape Town in South Africa, an MA in Economics, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from the University of Malawi. She also held a post-doctoral Fellowship position at Population Council in New York.



Lindsay Wallace (Moderator)

Lindsay Wallace is a senior economist and impact measurement specialist and the Director of Strategic Operations at Limestone Analytics. Prior to working with Limestone she was Head of Impact for the Mastercard Foundation where she oversaw impact measurement and evaluation for the Foundation's \$2B of investments. She has extensive experience developing theories of change and leading learning partnerships to support portfolio-level M&E systems and impact reporting. She was previously Deputy Director of the Financial Inclusion program where she oversaw \$500m of blended finance investments. Lindsay previously led economic growth programming for the UK

Department for International Development in Rwanda, where she was responsible for programming in trade, climate change, agriculture, land tenure reform and financial inclusion. She also has public finance experience working with Ministries of Finance in Ontario, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Guyana in budget reform, expenditure forecasting and fiscal transparency.