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Frank Harrigan is the Director of the Economic Affairs Department. He joined GSDP in April 2008 from the Asian Development Bank, where he was Assistant Chief Economist in the Economics and Research Department.

Frank is responsible for providing intellectual leadership, setting direction and guiding the work of the Economic Affairs Department of GSDP. He advises GSDP's leadership on economic strategy, policy and related matters. Frank has overall responsibility the design and implementation of projects that are being executed by the Economic Affairs Department and will lead the Department's contributions to the Qatar National Strategy. He is currently coordinating the development of GSDP's Enterprise Plan.

In a career spanning 25 years, Frank has worked widely in the Asia-Pacific region and in Europe. At the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Frank was the contributing editor of the respected and widely cited Asian Development Outlook between 2005 and 2008. At ADB, Frank also was involved in the preparation of country strategies and country assistance programs for a number of Asian countries. He spearheaded ADB's groundbreaking assistance for regional economic monitoring and the design and implementation of enhanced, performance-based allocation mechanisms for multilateral assistance funds. Frank was a senior technical advisor to the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia between 1984 and 1993. In all these roles, Frank has dedicated himself to building institutional capacities.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Frank was a university lecturer teaching a variety of economics and MBA courses at the Universities of Western Australia and Strathclyde. He has written extensively on economics and development and his scholarly work has been published in internationally peer reviewed refereed journals, including the Economic Journal, Economic Modelling and Oxford Economic Papers. In 1998, he co-edited the OECD book on The Future of Asia in the World Economy.

Frank has a Masters in Development Economics (with distinction) from the University of East Anglia and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Strathclyde. He is the recipient of a variety of awards including for teaching excellence and professional leadership and performance.

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