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Aniruddha (Ani) Dasgupta is the Global Director of the WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, WRI's program that galvanizes action to help cities grow more sustainably and improve quality of life in developing countries around the world. Ani guides the Center in developing environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable solutions to improve people's quality of life in developing cities. Ani leads the Center's team of global experts in sustainable transport, urban development and building efficiency, as well as its engagement across low-carbon energy, governance, water risk, and associated areas as well as serves as a member of WRI's global management team, helping to shape the institute's overall strategy and growth.

Prior to joining WRI, Ani served at the Director of Knowledge and Learning at the World Bank, where he provided leadership and direction for the Bank's role in offering knowledge services for development. In 2010, he helped develop the World Bank's first knowledge strategy. Before leading the Bank's knowledge work, he coordinated the Bank's internal reform program as the director of the Reform Secretariat. Prior to these corporate responsibilities, Ani spent the majority of this career in the operational part of the Bank including five years in the Jakarta office as the head of infrastructure.

An urban professional, Ani has dedicated himself for over 15 years to international development with a focus on the urbanization, urban environment and infrastructure. He has done extensive operational work in Asia and Eastern Europe as a technical expert centered on community based development, urban environment, disaster management, solid waste management, water supply and sanitation. He was extensively involved in the post tsunami reconstruction of Aceh as an advisor to the government on housing and infrastructure reconstruction and as the head of the Bank's housing and infrastructure team.

Ani holds a Masters Degree in City Planning and a Masters Degree in Architecture, both from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His PhD work, at the planning school at MIT, focused on services for urban poor. He received a Bachelor degree in Architecture with an emphasis on low Income Housing from the School of Planning and Architecture in India.

He has researched and written widely on Community Driven and Community Based development, urban poverty in East Asia, and more recently on Knowledge and Learning for development. He lives in Washington DC with his wife and twin boys.