



## MS. AZUSA KUBOTA



*Azusa Kubota joined UNDP in Sri Lanka as the Resident Representative in January 2023.*

*Prior to her appointment in Sri Lanka, Ms. Kubota served as the Resident Representative for UNDP in Bhutan from 2019-2022, where she led overall operations, programme implementation, strategic vision setting and representation of the office in the country.*

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*Previously, she worked in NGOs in Boston, San Francisco, Senegal and Lesotho. At the International Law Institute in Washington D.C., she was responsible for designing and executing training programmes for senior government officials in the areas of international law and economic development.*

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