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Marisela Montoliu Muñoz is Director for the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice at the World Bank Group, where she heads the Urban and Disaster Risk Management practices. She assumed this position on July 1, 2014, under a new institutional structure focused on ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity for the bottom 40 percent.

As Director, Ms. Montoliu Muñoz leads the Practice's engagement in urban, disaster risk management and regional planning, services and institutions, leveraging global knowledge and collaborating with partners to help mainstream resilience for sustainable development.

Prior to this, Ms. Montoliu Muñoz was a Manager for the Sustainable Development Department in the Bank's Latin America & Caribbean Region. In this role, she led and oversaw the strategy, operational work programs, and resources for the department with a portfolio of \$17 billion, providing a broad range of innovative analytical and convening services.

She first joined the Bank in 1988 as a Young Professional in the institution's first Environment Unit. Throughout her career, she coupled her extensive corporate experience, including as Operations Advisor to the Managing Director, with operational roles including as Adviser and Sr. Adviser to the Infrastructure Vice Presidency and the Finance Economics and Urban Development Department respectively. She also served as the first Resident Representative to the Dominican Republic.

Ms. Montoliu Muñoz is a Venezuelan national and holds a PhD in Regional Studies and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She received her Bachelors in Urban Planning from the Universidad Simon Bolivar in Caracas.