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Private Equity

deal sourcing & due diligence

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Languages

French (Professional Working)

Arabic (Elementary)

German (Native or Bilingual)

Spanish (Professional Working)

Chinese (Native or Bilingual)

Japanese (Limited Working)

English (Full Professional)

Certifications

Biodiversity Finance (BIOFIN)

Private Equity and Venture Capital,
SDA Bocconi School of Management
via Coursera

Certified Expert in Climate
Adaptation Finance

Lydia Dai

Climate Adaptation and Resilience | Nature Finance | Business & Innovation

Schweiz

Zusammenfassung

Climate resilience and nature finance & policy professional with experience in multilateral policy, investment-relevant research, and sustainability evaluation across UN institutions, government delegations, and global NGOs. Demonstrated analytical capability across quantitative climate risk modelling, country risk assessment, and theory of change evaluation for a global portfolio of climate initiatives. Proven track record of delivering high-quality outputs independently under pressure, engaging senior stakeholders across government, finance, and research ecosystems across four continents.

Berufserfahrung

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Consultant

Juni 2026 - Present (1 Monat)

MEA support

Independent Consultant

März 2023 - Present (3 Jahre 4 Monate)

Designed and delivered high-level stakeholder convenings at major UN climate conferences, including cross-sector workshops bridging science, policy, and finance communities

Produced funder-oriented briefs, strategy papers, and investment-relevant analysis on nature-based adaptation and climate finance for 5+ NGO and public-private coalition clients

Built cross-sector partnerships, positioning organisations within global climate governance, science, and emerging technology ecosystems

ONU Cambio Climático

1 Jahr 7 Monate

Advisor on Adaptation and Finance for Suriname delegation to the UNFCCC

Juni 2024 - Juli 2025 (1 Jahr 2 Monate)

Participate in negotiations and provide advice on items related to climate finance and climate adaptation to the Suriname delegation at SB60, COP29 and SB62

Adaptation Division (LEG & NAP Unit) Intern

Januar 2024 - Mai 2024 (5 Monate)

- Spearheaded research project for the Climate Resilient Food Systems Alliance
- Led comprehensive analyses for the third global progress assessment on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- Authored key inputs to the UN Secretary General's progress report on the SDGs, providing critical insights on SDG13 (Climate Action), with an emphasis on NAPs and their impact

High-Level Climate Champions

Technical Analyst - Race to Resilience

Juni 2024 - März 2025 (10 Monate)

- The Race to Resilience is the global campaign to catalyse a step-change in global ambition for climate resilience. The goal of the campaign is to, by 2030, catalyse action by non-state actors that build the resilience of 4 billion people from vulnerable groups and communities to climate risks; and, through a partnership of initiatives, focus on helping the most vulnerable, frontline communities to build resilience and adapt to the physical impacts of climate change, such as extreme heat, drought, flooding and sea-level rise, in rural, urban, and coastal areas
- Task involves supporting the technical secretariat of the campaign (hosted at Universidad de Chile) to deliver technical assessments on resilience impacts of campaign partners
- Work fully in Spanish with the Chilean team

Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP

Global Steering Committee Member; Co-facilitator on Disaster, Climate & Resilience

November 2023 - Februar 2025 (1 Jahr 4 Monate)

- Orchestrated the Youth Environmental Assembly ahead of UNEA-6, attracting 300+ participants
- Facilitated events on energy efficiency, climate change, and ozone layer protection, the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol and the mitigation of short-lived climate pollutants

- Developed positions and drafted interventions, alongside enhancing youth expertise in Solar Radiation Modification through targeted capacity-building

IPBES

Expert Reviewer - Business and Biodiversity Assessment
August 2024 - September 2024 (2 Monate)

- Reviewed biodiversity-business dependencies for IPBES, guiding policy and business integration of biodiversity metrics
- Provided expert feedback on actionable biodiversity indicators to enhance corporate sustainability efforts

COP28 UAE

Advisor on Climate Finance & Adaptation - AILAC
Oktober 2023 - Januar 2024 (4 Monate)

Supporting the temporal Presidency (Guatemala) of the Independent Alliance of Latin America and the Caribbean - Negotiation Group of 8 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Conducted analyses on climate finance negotiations and support position building for AILAC's finance negotiators at the 28th Conference of the Parties under the UNFCCC (COP28)
- Prepared talking points based on AILAC's positions on finance and adaptation-related negotiation items
- Produced written reports on the activities of the AILAC Presidency at COP28

YOUNGO

2 Jahre 4 Monate

Adaptation Contact Point
Oktober 2022 - Januar 2024 (1 Jahr 4 Monate)

- . Led youth engagements towards items under the Glasgow-Sharm El-Sheikh Work Programme
- . Represented the constituency at meetings of the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee (AC) to advocate for technology innovation, science equity and youth inclusion
- . Facilitated climate adaptation capacity building for 120 youth from the MENA region, in collaboration with the British University in Egypt and UNDP
- . Provided policy advice to UNESCO as part of the Open Science youth advisory team

Global Coordination Team Member

Oktober 2021 - September 2022 (1 Jahr)

- . Coordinated global Partnerships with external entities and other UN agencies
- . Engaged in thematic working groups on Renewable Energy, Water and Climate, Technological Mechanisms
- . Facilitated administrative tasks for the constituency's 10'000+ members across all 193 UN Member States

COP27

Swiss Youth for Climate Delegate

November 2022 - November 2022 (1 Monat)

Sharm El Sheikh, South Sinai, Egypt

Delegate of Swiss Youth for Climate

Representative of University College London, YOUNGO and UN1FY

World Meteorological Organization

Intern

Januar 2022 - August 2022 (8 Monate)

Geneva, Switzerland

- . Established the United International Federation of Youth (UN1FY), the official youth constituency of the Water and Climate Coalition, jointly endorsed by the WMO and the UN Youth Envoy

UN1FY

Regional Youth Focal Point - Europe and North America

Januar 2022 - Juli 2022 (7 Monate)

Geneva, Switzerland

- . Supported the consolidation of the Water and Climate Youth Development Plan and Agenda (YDPA), the official youth output of the UN 2023 Water Conference
- . Spoke to 600+ youth delegates from APAC on youth engagement in climate governance at RCOY Philippines

Climate Action Society

1 Jahr 10 Monate

Vice President

März 2021 - Mai 2022 (1 Jahr 3 Monate)

London, England, United Kingdom

Outreach Director

August 2020 - März 2021 (8 Monate)

Londres, Inglaterra, Reino Unido

COP26 - UN Climate Change Conference

Delegate

Oktober 2021 - November 2021 (2 Monate)

Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom

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Media Production Intern

Juli 2021 - August 2021 (2 Monate)

Zurich, Suiza

Facilitate multi-media projects to produce high-quality content for TV broadcasting

Accomplish independent postproduction in Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects

Voiz

Sustainability Analyst

Juni 2021 - August 2021 (3 Monate)

Conducted analysis on product life cycles and corporate strategies in line with the UN SDGs

Moderated panellist events with 50+ participants on Sustainable Surf with speakers such as Ramon Navarro

Completed an eight-week training programme in sustainability evaluation: Life Cycle Analysis, zero net, transparency, corporate sustainability processes and decision making, sustainable product design, and sustainability innovation

NanoNap

Student Consultant

Oktober 2020 - Februar 2021 (5 Monate)

London, England, United Kingdom

Worked independently and with other analysts to provide timely, relevant, and robust advisory for a tech start-up to accelerate business establishment and market expansion

Sourced and analysed favourable market entry pathways through secondary research and statistical data analysis

Conceptualised evidence-based marketing enhancement strategy by identifying occurring content weaknesses Developed comprehensive sales strategy with an outlook on crowdfunding solutions

Woko Studentische Wohngenossenschaft Zürich

Housing Representative

September 2019 - Februar 2020 (6 Monate)

Zürich, Schweiz

- Represented the cooperative; helped manage over 300 tenants
- Ensured a smooth transition for exchange students into their homes in Zurich
- Coordinated the communication between WOKO and students of various nationalities in their native languages
- Successfully solved various issues such as sudden internet failure and furniture shortage

Ausbildung

ETH Zürich

MSc Environmental Sciences and Policy

UCL

BASc, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (BASc), Health and Environment

The University of Tokyo

Summer Research Fellow - Climate Science, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences · (Juni 2022 - August 2022)

Osaka University

Anniversary Online Program, SDGs III: Aligning the Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Science · (April 2021 - Mai 2021)