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Amer Bukvić is the Acting Director General - Global Practice & Partnerships (DG-GPP) at the Islamic Development Bank.

Amer leads the Bank's product organization and strategic direction in the areas of partnerships, public (sovereign) financing, private (non-sovereign) financing, co-financing, and knowledge products, in a manner that helps the Bank provide suitable financing solutions with improved financial terms and sustainable added value. He builds upon the existing relationships with major developmental partners such as Arab Coordination Group, MDBs, UN system and private sector partners such as business enterprises, philanthropic and corporate foundations, financial institutions, and seeks to establish new network of collaborative alliances with private and public entities to augment the Bank's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Amer consolidates all individual sector and thematic level strategies to contribute to formulation of Bank's overall strategy and ensures coordination and collaboration across product teams to ensure synergies and within integrated solutions that achieve Member Country Partnership Strategies (MCPS). He leads the development of new resource mobilization mechanisms built into IsDB products and mainstreams product engagement process. Amer guides the CPO Directorate to become a knowledge-based function for global practices areas and building the knowledge expertise in key sectoral areas, ensuring that operational activities are delivered effectively.

Amer is a seasoned Islamic Banker having served as the CEO of Bosna Bank International (BBI). During his stewardship of BBI from 2006 to 2021, BBI became the fastest growing bank in B&H, positioning itself among the top six performing banks in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Under his management BBI assets increased eleven times. He also co-founded the Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF), the largest International investment conference in South East Europe, as well as Sarajevo Halal Fair. During the initial stages of Amer's career, he worked as a research coordinator for the Overseas Strategic Consulting – USAID Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (B&H). He later joined IsDB Group as a Young Professional, before taking on the role of Deputy CEO of BBI in 2004, and as CEO in 2006.

Amer received his bachelor's degree from the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur (1996) and his Master's degree from the International University of Japan (1998). He completed postgraduate executive education with London Business School (2004) and Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford (2014).