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Diana leads WDI's efforts to help energy and mobility businesses, innovators and stakeholders in LMICs create value and adapt to changes brought about by the energy transition. Her focus for the past few years has been on the transition to electric mobility in emerging markets, conducting research and consulting projects to advise private and public sector leaders on the business opportunities related to the electric vehicle value chain, and the broader implications of this transition, including workforce, infrastructure and policy considerations. In addition, Diana works to identify, highlight and support innovative e-mobility startups in emerging markets.

In her work, Diana leverages more than 15 years of global development experience working with partners across government, private sector, academia, and civil society. Prior to WDI, Diana was based in Washington, D.C., where she held positions at the Higher Education for Development office of the American Council on Education; the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs; and The World Bank Institute, among other organizations. Diana's multi-disciplinary academic background includes a degree in Law and Social Sciences from the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León in Mexico, a master's degree in Public International Law from Université de Paris II, Panthéon Assas, and a Master's degree in Prospective for International Studies from Université de Paris V, René Descartes in France. In the United States, she completed Rice University's Global Energy Leadership Program and a Foundations of Mobility Certificate from the University of Michigan's College of Engineering.

