Axel van Trotsenburg – Short Bio

Axel van Trotsenburg is the Senior Managing Director (SMD) for the World Bank's Development Policy and Partnerships. A Dutch-Austrian national, he is responsible for directing the World Bank's core development work captured by the Bank's Global Practice groups – including economics, finance and institutions; human development; infrastructure; and sustainable development – and integrating it better into operations, with a special focus on debt sustainability issues, climate change, fragility, and human capital.

He oversees the numerous partnerships of the Bank including the United Nations agencies, co-chairs the replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) and represents the Bank in the G7 and G20 meetings. He also leads the Bank's climate engagement in the context of the annual COP convenings. His focus is on unleashing knowledge, talent, partnerships and communications to enhance the Bank's impact globally and in the client countries it serves.

Prior to this position, van Trotsenburg was the Managing Director of Operations.