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Panos Varangis joined the FIG team in July 2020, as a principal specialist in agricultural finance. Prior to that Panos was the Head for agricultural finance in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation, Global Practice at the World Bank. Since 2014, Panos has been involved in projects around the globe that facilitate financing for farmers and Agribusiness SMEs by working on public policy issues and financial products that involve the private sector. Prior to that Panos led IFC's advisory work to facilitate access to finance for SMEs, agribusiness and farmers and improve risk management. Before joining IFC, Panos served as the Deputy CEO of the Agricultural Bank of Greece (2004-2009) and was a member of the board of directors of Agrotiki Insurance and Mindbank, an SME bank in Romania (subsidiary of ABG). From 1987 to 2004, he worked at the World Bank in various positions at the International Commodities Division, the International Trade Division, the Bank's Research Department and at the Agricultural and Rural Development Department where he oversaw a global program on commodity risk management and index insurance. Panos holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University in New York.