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Ow Kai Onn is currently a Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry (Singapore). In this capacity, he develops policies and plans for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) to support Singapore's decarbonisation efforts. He also oversees other policy areas such as carbon budget, industrial emissions mitigation, industrial sustainability, and green growth.

Prior to this, Kai Onn served as Vice President, Chemicals & Materials at the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) from October 2018 to June 2023, executing industry strategies to attract foreign investments into the petrochemicals and specialty chemicals and advanced materials sector. During this time, he established a decarbonisation roadmap framework for current and future investments in the sector.

Kai Onn started his career with EDB in 2006 as a Senior Officer in the Chemicals Division and has since held a variety of roles within the organisation. He served as Centre Director for EDB's office in Mumbai from 2009 to 2012, before returning to Singapore as Head of Cleantech, where he contributed to EDB's efforts in growing a vibrant Water and Environment industry. From 2014 to 2017, Kai Onn was based in Houston as Regional Vice President for Americas Operations, overseeing investment promotion efforts from EDB's offices in Chicago, Houston, and Sao Paulo.

Kai Onn holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from the National University of Singapore and obtained an MBA from MIT Sloan in 2020.

He is currently based in Singapore with his wife and daughter.