

## 2021-22 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

11-14 April 2022

8:00pm (Republic of Korea), 1:00pm (Geneva), 7:00am (New York)

### Speakers and Moderators' Biography

#### Session One(Monday 11 April 2022) Opening and Quality Education



**Mr. Alexander Trepelkov**  
Officer-in-Charge  
Division for Sustainable  
Development Goals (DSDG), UN  
DESA

**Mr. Alexander Trepelkov** is Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). The Division serves as the global secretariat for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developments, with a focus on providing substantive support, integrated policy analysis, building multi-stakeholder partnerships and capacity development in thematic areas such as water, energy, climate, ocean, transport, science and technology, as well as special concerns of small island developing States (SIDS).

In 2010-2018, he was Director of the Financing for Development Office, where he worked since 2000. His previous work in UN DESA was in the areas of Macro- and Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis and Public Administration and Finance. Prior to joining the UN Secretariat in 1989, Mr. Trepelkov was employed for 12 years in the Russian diplomatic service.

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**Mr. Chun Kyoo Park**  
Head  
United Nations Office for  
Sustainable Development

**Mr. Chun Kyoo Park** is the Head of the UN Office for Sustainable Development as of 26 October 2020. Before that, he has served at the government for almost 30 years mainly at the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea where he joined in 1991 starting at mid-level management rising to the rank of the Vice Minister of Environment. Throughout the experience, he has built various capacities and broadened the scope of work by engaging in many different areas of sustainable development.

Mr. Park's works range from air and water quality management to nature conservation, waste management, chemicals management, sewerage system, etc. Tackling climate change has been his major concern and produced lots of achievements at the ministry including setting up Korean National Mitigation Targets.

Moreover, his career stretches to international cooperation where he worked as the first secretary of the Republic of Korea Mission to the UN in charge of works related to the UN General Assembly 2nd Committee, and the Commission on Sustainable Development. He has attended various international meetings which include CBD COP13 in Cancun, Mexico as the chair of the COP12 Presidency and most recently the 4th UN Environment Assembly in 2019 in his capacity as the head of the Korean delegation. He worked closely with UN organizations to support programs such as the UNEP's PAGE (Partnership for Action on Green Economy) and the first international workshop for developing country officials on MRV (Measurement, Reporting, and Verification) jointly with UNFCCC and/or EU.

He graduated from Yonsei University majoring in Public Administration and holds a Master's degree in Development Policy and Public Administration at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is co-author of three books including "Carbon Market, Are You Ready to Buy or Sell It."

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**Dr. Jean D'Aragon** is the Senior Sustainable Development Expert at the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), where he also served as the Officer-in-Charge between April 2019 and October 2020.

He has more than 25 years of international development experience in research, policy capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation related to sustainable development in America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Mr. Jean D'Aragon worked at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya and the UN DESA United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Nagoya, Japan linking climate change, natural disaster risk and vulnerability reduction, urban planning and governance.



**Mr. Jean D'Aragon**  
Senior Sustainable Development  
Expert, UNOSD

Mr. D'Aragon has also been called upon to undertake assignments as Early Recovery Advisor and Early Recovery National Coordinator with UNCRD, UN-Habitat and other UN agencies such as UNDP, in various geographical contexts, including disaster-hit regions of the Philippines and Vanuatu or in Cameroon, where he developed and coordinated programs combining food security and poverty reduction with women and youth job creation and empowerment, particularly in the Far North Region of Cameroon, which is severely affected by Boko Haram's insurgency, adding to existing land use agro-pastoral conflicts and tensions exacerbated by increases in drought and flooding associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. D'Aragon worked as the Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), leading research on the interlinkages between urban poverty reduction, livelihood and food security, access to housing, water and sanitation, solid waste management, environmental protection and resilience building, supporting their integration into territorial planning policies, codes, regulations, plans mainly in developing countries, work he had initiated in the mid-1990s in the context of immediate post-apartheid South Africa. Mr. D'Aragon also taught and lectured in different universities in Brazil, Portugal, France and in Canada, particularly at the Faculty of Engineering of McGill University, where he earned his Ph.D.



**Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu**  
UNOSD Consultant

**Lichia Saner Yiu**, born in Taipei in 1949 and a Swiss citizen, holds a doctorate in Educational Psychology from Indiana University. A former associate professor at Chinese Culture University, Chinese Taipei, she was a post-doctoral fellow at Columbia University in organisational psychology. She is fluent in English and Mandarin.

Dr. Yiu has over 20 years of experience as an advisor to governments and international organisations on organisational development and reform of public administration. She recently directed a two-year, bilateral Swiss-Slovene project to reform the public administration of Slovenia and a three-year Sino-Swiss bilateral programme to modernise management training of senior civil service officials in China. She has also been a consultant to the United Nations Development Programme and other specialised UN agencies, as well as to private-sector organisations.

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**Andreas Schleicher** is Director for Education and Skills, and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary-General at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.



**Mr. Andreas Schleicher**  
Director, Directorate of Education,  
OECD

He initiated and oversees the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and other international instruments that have created a global platform for policy-makers, researchers and educators across nations and cultures to innovate and transform educational policies and practices.

He has worked for over 20 years with ministers and education leaders around the world to improve quality and equity in education. Former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said that Schleicher “understands the global issues and challenges as well as or better than anyone I’ve met, and he tells me the truth” (The Atlantic, July 11). Former UK Secretary of State Michael Gove called Schleicher “the most important man in English education” – even though he is German and lives in France.

Before joining the OECD, he was Director for Analysis at the International Association for Educational Achievement (IEA). He studied Physics in Germany and received a degree in Mathematics and Statistics in Australia. He is the recipient of numerous honours and awards, including the “Theodor Heuss” prize, awarded in the name of the first president of the Federal Republic of Germany for “exemplary democratic engagement”. He holds an honorary Professorship at the University of Heidelberg.



**Mr. Manos Antoninis,**  
Director of Team, Global  
Education Monitoring Report  
Team, UNESCO

**Manos Antoninis** is the Director of the Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report since 2017. He was previously responsible for the monitoring section of the report. He coordinated the financing gap estimates for the 2030 education targets, the projections on the achievement of universal primary and secondary education completion, and the World Inequality Database on Education. He has been representing the report team in the Technical Cooperation Group on SDG 4 indicators, which he is currently co-chairing.

Prior to joining the team he worked for 10 years on public finance, monitoring and evaluation projects in education including: a public expenditure tracking and service delivery survey of secondary education provision in Bangladesh; the evaluation of a basic education project in the western provinces of China; the mid-term evaluation of the Education For All Fast Track Initiative; the annual reporting of progress in the implementation of the Second Primary Education Development Project in Bangladesh; a basic education capacity building programme in six states in Nigeria; the evaluation of an in-service, cluster-based teacher training programme in Pakistan; and the country study of the Out of School Children Global Initiative in Indonesia. He holds a DPhil in Economics for a study of technical education and the labour market in Egypt, completed at the Centre for the Study of African Economies of the University of Oxford.

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**Mr. Raymond Saner**  
Director, Centre for Socio-Eco-  
Nomic Development, Switzerland

**Raymond Saner** is Titular Professor at Basel University (Economics Department) and has been teaching at Sciences Po, Paris (Public Policy) and at Lüneburg University (Environmental Negotiations). His research projects focus on sustainable development, international relations, trade and public administration. He is co-founder of CSEND, a Geneva based NGRDO (nongovernmental research and development organization, 1993-present) accredited by ECOSOC with consultative status and expert working for international organizations, national governments and CSO organisations. Raymond Saner is a reviewer of management journals and author of books and journal articles and serves as officer in professional organizations such as the Academy of Management (Board member of ODC division (2002-2004), Chair of Advisory Council of AoM to Board of Governors (2000-2002), is representative to the UN in Geneva for the International Association of Applied Psychology and has been a long time member of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS). He participates in the United National Task Force on Solidarity and Social Economy (UNTFSSSE), is member of the bureau of UNECE's PPP unit, works for UNDESA on projects relating to the 2030 Agenda and the 17 SDGs (<http://www.csend.org/publications/agenda-2030>) and is a scholar in the field of international negotiations and conflict resolutions.

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**Mr. Erik Swars**  
Head, International Affairs, Swiss  
Federal University for Vocational  
Education and Training  
(SFUVET)

**Erik Swars** is Head of International Affairs at the Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (SFUVET) since 2013, Switzerland's expert organisation for VET. His department supports with its expertise various international cooperation projects in skills development all over the world. In his role Erik works closely together with international organizations like ILO or as a UNEVOC center with UNESCO-UNEVOC. Previously, he worked at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and at Swiss Post. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Tübingen and an MBA from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Erik is author of several articles and publications, among others co-author of the book "Vocational and Professional Education and Training in Switzerland", published in 2016 in English and 2021 in Chinese.

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**Mr. Paul Comyn**  
Senior Skills and Employability  
Specialist, Skills and  
Employability Branch, ILO

**Paul Comyn** has over 30 years experience in TVET and skills development as a technical specialist and consultant. He has worked on various assignments and projects associated with the reform or expansion of TVET and skill systems in more than 35 countries. He has a PhD in vocational education and training policy and has authored various journal articles and book chapters on the topic. His interests include comparative skills policies and industry engagement in skills development. He has worked for the ILO for the past thirteen years and since 2015 has been the Senior Skills & Employability Specialist leading the work of the Skills Policies and Systems Group in Geneva.

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**Mr. Joshua Alade**  
Executive Director, Nigeria Youth  
SDGs Network

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**Joshua Alade** is a positive youth development advocate and the executive director of the Nigeria Youth SDGs Network. He is currently pursuing a masters in Sustainable Development at the University of Bradford, courtesy of the Chevening Scholarship Program. Joshua is passionate about equal access to education and decent work for young people.



**Mr. Stevie Leonard Harison**  
Master's student, School of  
Environmental Science-  
Universitas Indonesia(UI);  
Founder of Inspirator Muda  
Nusantara – a youth  
empowerment organization based  
in Bandung, Indonesia

**Mr. Stevie Leonard Harison** is a passionate youth activist from Indonesia. He is the founder of Inspirator Muda Nusantara, a national youth empowerment community focusing on SDGs. He obtained his bachelor from the Department of International Relations, Universitas Indonesia in 2010 and currently studying master in School of Environmental Science at same campus. Previously in 2020-2021, he was Indonesia Climate Ambassador of the Global Youth Climate Network (GYCN)-World Bank Group and alumni of Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Regional Workshop on Good Governance and Civil Society, a program by US Department of State. Mr. Harison also actively participates in the UN-agency networks such as SDSN Youth (member), UNEP MGCY (constituency), UNV Knowledge Platform (member), and UNAOC Youth (supporter). From 2011-now, he is actively involved in many national and international youth events including the 7th General Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Lima-Peru (2012), Asia Youth Forum in Cambodia (2013), Asia Pacific Youth Forum ICIMOD in Nepal (2014), the 6th UNAOC Global Forum and Youth Event in Bali (2014), ASEAN4U in Malaysia (2015), MIT Climate Colab as a contest catalyst (2016-2017), Melaka International Youth Dialogue in Malaysia as speaker (2019), and WBG-IMF Annual Meetings (2021). He also writes popular articles on relevant topics such as international political and economy, youth empowerment and education, and environmental issues. Mr. Harison is very much interested in international relations, public policy, and environmental protection.

## Session Two(Tuesday 12 April 2022) Gender Equality



**H.E. Ms. Youngsook Cho**  
Ambassador for Gender Equality,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic  
of Korea; Chair of International  
Solidarity Centre, Korean Women's  
Association

**Ms. Youngsook CHO** is a feminist movement activist with long experience. She was a founding member of the Incheon Women's Workers' Association in 1988. And she has been working for the Korea Women's Associations United (KWAU) since 1996. She has participated in activities to realize women's rights and gender equality in the process of democratization and peace building process on the Korean peninsula. And in the early 2000s, she took the lead in protecting victims of GBV and changing the discriminatory legal systems and gender norms.

Since the late 2000s, she has sought to accelerate the implementation of global agreements on gender equality and women's empowerment, including CEDAW, BPfA, UNSCR 1325 and SDGs. Since Korea became an OECD/DAC member in 2010, she conducted many research, analysis and training related to gender and development.

She currently represents women's voices in a number of institutionalized governance systems, including UNSCR 1325 NAP Joint Committee under the MoGE, Action with Women and Peace under the MoFA, Gender Experts Committee of the KOICA and International Human Rights Experts Committee of the NHRI.

She received a master's degree in women's studies and studied international relations and political economy.



**Ms. Amanda Elam**  
Fellow at Babson College & Lead  
Author of the Women  
Entrepreneurship Report 2020-21

**Dr. Amanda. Elam** is a Research Fellow at the Diana International Research Institute at Babson College where she conducts research on gender and entrepreneurship in the United States and around the world. She serves on the editorial board of Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice and has published research in top business journals, technical reports, and edited volumes. Her dissertation, Gender and Entrepreneurship: A Multilevel Theory and Practice, was recognized by the Academy of Management Entrepreneurship Division for innovative thought leadership. She is also CEO/Cofounder of a medical diagnostics company in North Carolina and holds a doctorate in Sociology from UNC Chapel Hill.



**Ms. Gitanjali Sah**  
Strategy and Policy Coordinator  
International Telecommunication  
Union (ITU)

**Gitanjali Sah** is an experienced International Civil Servant and has worked with several United Nations Organizations like ITU, UNESCO and UNDP in the field of ICT on Development related policy and implementation issues at an international, regional and national level. At present she is working with the International Telecommunication Union as the Coordinator of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Process. Since 2015, one of the core activities is to strengthen the alignment of the WSIS Process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to ensure that ICTs play the enabling role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. She has an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge, UK and a Masters from the Jawahar Lal Nehru University, India.



**Ms. Fatouma Abdallah**  
Project Coordinator, Ministry of  
Environment, Comoros

**Ms. Fatouma Abdallah** has over 36 years of experience in Project Management, Education, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Sustainable Development, Gender, and Waste Management.

Under her current responsibilities in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment, Ms. Abdallah is heading the Department of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM). She also acts as national focal point at the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) National Focal Points Network. Ms. Abdallah is an active member of the Women's Platform for Sustainable Development and Food Security, and of Hifadhui, a Comorian NGO fighting against gender-based violence (GBV).





**Ms. Nurgul Djanaeva**  
President, Forum of women's  
NGOs of Kyrgyzstan

**Nurgul Dzhanayeva** has wide connections with diverse CSOs at various levels. She serves as Global Coordinator of the Feminist Constituency of the CPDE, as a Steering Committee member of the Asia Pacific Women Watch, was a member of the Regional Coordination Committee of the APRCEM, from 2014-2017 was an Organizing Partner of the Women's Major Group for SDGs, a member of the UNECE RCEM governing body, initiator of the UN ECE RCEM, member of the Global Council of the CPDE, was nine years in a Board of Directors of the Global Fund for Women, member of the Coordinating Committee of the ROA ASIA/PACIFIC, was a Board member of the Asia Pacific Research Network, Head of the national civic movement of CSOs "Development effectiveness". Nurgul Djanaeva has experience in the field of women's rights. She worked more than 20 years of women's political participation, women's economic rights advocacy against VAW, for SRHR, on building women's movement in Kyrgyzstan and strengthening capacity of women's organizations. She is a trainer on women's rights and served as a Global Trainer of the CSW/NGO Committee. Working experience in the field of aid and development effectiveness was gained during last ten years with strong regional engagement on struggle for democratic ownership, adequate accountability.

Working experience on SDGs and Agenda 2030 was gained since 2013 with deep involvement into UN processes on SDGs at global, regional, national and local levels.

Nurgul Djanaeva has PhD in Philosophy from the Leningrad State University in 1983.



**Ms. Kaisu Tuominiemi**  
Mondragon Team Academy

Originally from Finland, based in the Basque Country (Spain), **Kaisu** is an educator and a team coach. She has been part of Mondragon Team Academy, a team entrepreneurship ecosystem and an international network of changemaker entrepreneurs since its creation in 2008, where she has supported many entrepreneurial projects forward. Kaisu currently leads talent scouting at Travelling University, also part of the Mondragon Team Academy, a cooperative specialized in international learning experiences that embrace diversity, team learning and entrepreneurship skills development. Her experience includes training and empowering teams of youth and adults towards collaborative learning and team entrepreneurship in an international context.

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**Dr Soma KP** is a founder member and a national facilitation team member of MAKAAAM - the Women Farmers Rights Forum(makaam.in) - spread over 24 states of India; she leads the work on Forest Rights and commons governance and on Farmers collectives. She is a member of the Community Forest Rights learning alliance (CFR la) Steering committee; a founder core group member of the Vikalp Sangam (forum for a confluence of alternatives <https://vikalpsangam.org/about/> ), as well as a Steering group member of Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflict in India. Her papers in several publications cover a gender perspective on a wide range of subjects from Commons, Women's Inheritance Rights, micro finance and on forest and natural resource policy regimes from a gender lens as well as examining the patriarchies in forest regimes. She straddles the space between policy analysis from a gender and equity lens and building grassroots leadership and institutions to bring those voices to policy discourse. Soma's efforts through action research with people's organizations on land, forest commons and water issues as well as issues of micro finance and empowerment. Her PHD research from IIT Bombay focused on Gender and ecology and the interface with developmental policy.



**Dr. Soma Kishore Parthasarathy**  
Policy analyst/specialist gender  
and development/  
evaluator/advisor; Women Farmers  
Rights Forum - forest agroecology  
common rights (MAKAAM), India

Dr Soma Kishore Parthasarathy, received her Masters Degree in Geography from JNU, MPhil in Urban and Regional Planning from CEPT University Ahmedabad and PhD from IIT Bombay. Her expertise lies in gender and development, livelihoods, poverty alleviation and environmental justice issues. With more than 3 and half decades of experience with the government of India (GOI- Deptt of Women and child development- as the initiator of gender training for policy makers, and the first gender analyst on policies within the state, she contributed to formulation of gender inclusive policies and programme development in the 80s and early 90s through the formulation of the National Perspective Plan for Women and the formulation of policies for the National Credit Fund for Women and the National Commission for Women.

She served with UNDP India as senior Advisor, Gender and Livelihoods to advice on the design and strategy of the predecessors of the NRLM – the Jharkhand and the Rajasthan Livelihoods Missions (2010 -2013); and on National Advisory Committee member for Mahila Samakhya (GOI) and to several states across India- Uttarakhand, Assam, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh. She served as Sector consultant with the Planning Commission, GOI for 10th and 11th Five Year Plans; as gender and NRM resource person to OXFAM/NOVIB; and as Gender Advisor to CIDA (1998-2002)

Research Training and advisory roles : She has undertaken several research assignments for training needs assessments with CIRDAP, with UNICEF; evaluation studies with UNDP, with Centre for World Solidarity on Gender and Watershed Development and with ICRW on intimate partner violence and institutional response processes of Kudumbashree program; with ASTHAA and Jan Chetna Sansthan on Livelihoods, land rights and empowerment of Adivasi women; and on education empowerment and the micro credit and SHG sector with NIRANTAR. As a resource person and researcher with AWID she sought to build the Commons perspective as well as to build a gender perspective on micro credit. Her efforts have been to bring an integrated feminist view of gender equality and environmental concerns in Commons and ecological discourses from a grounded gender perspective.

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## Session Three(Wednesday 13 April 2022) Life Below Water



**Mr. Andrew Birchenough**  
Office for the London  
Convention/Protocol and Ocean  
Affairs, Marine Environment  
Division, International Maritime  
Organization (IMO), London,  
United Kingdom

**Andrew** is the Technical Officer for the Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs at the International Maritime Organization (IMO). He has a background in applied environmental research, focusing on marine pollution and ocean and coastal zone management, and holds a doctorate from Newcastle University. He joined the IMO in 2017, his primary task being to support the implementation of the London Convention and Protocol, the international treaties that regulate the dumping of wastes and other matters at sea. He is also involved in the Office's Ocean Affairs portfolio, including the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) and in other IMO Marine Environment Division work including on Particular Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs), matters related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, and leading on anthropogenic underwater noise. Prior to joining IMO, he worked for Cefas and was responsible for providing scientific policy and regulatory advice to UK Government and regulators on the potential risks and impacts to the marine environment, and represented the UK at international and regional fora.



**Ms. Fabienne McLellan**  
Managing Director, OceanCare,  
Zurich, Switzerland

Before joining OceanCare in 2014, an international marine conservation organisation holding UN ECOSOC Special Consultative Status, **Fabienne McLellan** gained many years of professional experience in the financial sector and completed a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Business at the University of Applied Sciences for Business Administration in Zurich and a Master's Degree in Environment Conservation and Sustainability at Monash University in Australia. During such Masters Degree, Fabienne McLellan became familiar with the Millennium Development Goals and subsequently, the Sustainable Development Goals and since has become a passionate advocate of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

In her role as Managing Director of OceanCare, she is leading the organisation's work in international fora together with her colleague, Nicolas Entrup. Fabienne McLellan has attended many UN meetings under the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea in New York (UNCLOS) (ICP17-21, BBNJ IGC3, IGC4), the UN Environment Programme in Nairobi (UNEP) (UNEA4, UNEA5) and UN daughter agreements (CMS COP12, COP13), the UN Ocean Conference in 2017, as well as conferences of different Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) (IWC, RFMOs etc.). OceanCare is embedding the SDGs in all of their projects and the Agenda 2030 is our guiding framework. For the UN Ocean Conference in 2017, we have submitted 5 voluntary commitments and are just in the process of developing new voluntary commitments for the UN Ocean Conference this year.





**Mr. David C. Smith**  
Professor, Director, Centre for  
Environmental Management,  
Coordinator, Institute for  
Sustainable Development, The  
University of the West Indies,  
Jamaica

**David** coordinates the Institute for Sustainable Development at The University of the West Indies. He was an author of the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report 2019 and a member of the Science and Policy Advisory Committee of the Interamerican Institute for Global Change Research and is the Caribbean Chair of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

He focuses on environmental management, managing disaster risk and the effects of climate change on human wellbeing, mainly in Small Island Developing States.

David's Ph.D. in Zoology is from the University of the West Indies and he lectured there prior to managing the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust an NGO that worked on environmental conservation. While there, he helped to establish the Jamaican system of National Parks and Protected Areas, established an environmental funding mechanism, served on the board of the Caribbean Conservation Association and was a Regional Councillor for IUCN, the World Conservation Union. Following this he worked at UNDP as Assistant Resident Representative in the Jamaica Office in charge of UNDP's Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Disaster Management and response activities in the Bahamas, Bermuda, The Turks and Caicos Islands, The Cayman Islands and Jamaica.



**Mr. Peter McIntyre**  
Associate Professor of Natural  
Resources & the Environment,  
Dwight Webster Sesquicentennial  
Faculty Fellow co-Director of the  
Adirondack Fishery Research  
Program, Cornell University

**Peter McIntyre** is an aquatic conservation ecologist and the Dwight Webster Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow. Working with a wide range of collaborators, he develop management approaches that balance human interests with protecting biodiversity. Their work is worldwide in scope, using detailed field studies at sites in New York, the Great Lakes, East Africa, Southeast Asia, and Hawaii to gain general insights and identify global patterns.

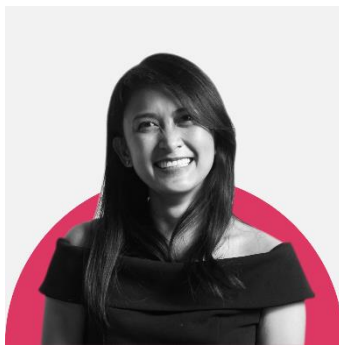
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**Dr. Deukhoon (Peter) Han, Esq.**  
Director General, Center for  
International Development  
Cooperation, Korea Maritime  
Institute (KMI)

**Dr. Deukhoon (Peter) Han** is a lawyer and Director General at the Korea Maritime Institute International Cooperation Department and Ocean and Fisheries ODA Centre. He is specialized in International Trade Law, International Commerce Law, International Law, Korean Law on Maritime and Fisheries, Oceans and Fisheries Development Cooperation (ODA), International Cooperation and US legal system and jurisdiction, where he has extensive research, work and advisory experiences. He was awarded Ocean Minister's Prize from the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Republic of Korea and Letter of Appreciation from the Chairman of National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Science in 2020. He earned Juris Doctor from University of Kansas School of Law, USA.



**Ms. Erica Reyes**  
Chief Operations Officer, The  
Plastic Flamingo, Muntinlupa City,  
The Philippines

**Erica Reyes** is a Chief Operations Officer of The Plastic Flamingo. She is an engineer by profession before she became COO for the Plaf. She has joined the company July 2020, when Plaf is only a collection point. She's seen that this company is very promising with lots of potential for growth and learning. And also the sustainability that the company is offering.



**Ms. Thaw Thaw Han**  
Deputy Director, Environmental  
Conservation Department, Ministry  
of Natural Resources and  
Environmental Conservation,  
Myanmar

**Ms. Thaw Thaw Han** is Deputy Director of the Natural Resources Conservation Division at the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar.

She provides coordination and management support with respect to enhancing environmental sustainability to contribute to sustainable development, among others, in the area of the coastal and marine environment and freshwater resources. She is a focal person of Myanmar to the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment.

## Session Four(Thursday 14 April 2022) Life on Land and Closing



**Mr. Feras Ziadat**  
Land Resource Officer, FAO. The  
State Of The World's Land And  
Water Resources For Food And  
Agriculture Systems at breaking  
point

**Feras Ziadat** is Land and Water Officer (UNFAO), focusing on land resources planning tools and approaches to support integrated land and water management, participatory land use planning, combating land degradation and desertification, integrated landscape management and sustainable land management. Formerly a senior scientist on soil conservation and land management at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and an associate professor at the University of Jordan. Currently coordinating the FAO flagship report "The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture – SOLAW", and the Chair of the UN Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms.



**Ms. Neelkamal Darbari**  
IAS/Small Farmers Agribusiness  
Consortium

**Neelkamal Darbari**, IAS, is a Secretary level Officer in Government of India, posted as Managing Director, SFAC (Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium) in New Delhi. She is currently leading efforts towards expansion of eNAM and aggregation & economic inclusion of small and marginal farmers in agribusiness activities through the new initiative of GoI for promotion of 10,000 FPOs. Earlier, as Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture and Horticulture, Rajasthan, she had been responsible for formulating outcomes based policy frameworks and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. She led the Global Rajasthan AgriTech Meet (GRAM) by conceptualising and driving the campaign in key districts of Rajasthan to provide the right investment thrust in agribusiness for augmenting farmers' incomes.

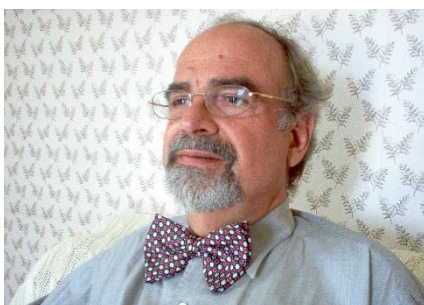
As Joint Secretary and Advisor, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), was in charge of the first-ever Direct Benefit Transfer initiative under Prime Minister's Relief Fund during Jammu & Kashmir floods of 2014. She also steered the relief and rehabilitation initiatives of Government of India after the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

She has also worked in key economic ministries as Joint Secretary, Chemical & Petrochemicals, and Director Steel, overseeing mega-projects for infrastructure development and leading the implementation of policy through cluster development programmes for plastics, polymers, and recycling industry. Gold Medalist in English, MBA from University of Southern Cross, Australia and an MPhil in Public Policy, she is an occasional writer for newspapers and is also a film critic with a very committed clientele.



**Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes**  
Senior Adviser, Stakeholder  
Forum, London UK, and PURE  
Consulting, Oslo, Norway

**Jan-Gustav** began working with the UN on environment and governance in the 1970s, a first UN assignment brought him to Latin America. He then taught about the UN for more than five decades, worked with the UN Commission for Sustainable Development for 15 years, worked as NGO liaison officer at the UN HQ, worked as a diplomat for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway, at embassies in Botswana and Uganda, was for 15 years director of an aid/environment-NGO with projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, has worked 6 years in Africa, has extensive stakeholder experience through 50 years of work on all continents, speaks several languages, is a seasoned university lecturer, has guest-lectured all over the world on UN issues; has evaluated projects and organisations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, advised governments, chaired UN meetings, facilitated UN processes, translated and authored books and numerous articles on governance, the environment, and sustainable development.



**Mr. Claude Heimo**  
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