



## UNOSD Training Event at the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum

*Enhancing the capacity of local and regional governments for delivering the SDGs through a Whole-of-Government approach, smart cities, enhanced infrastructure asset management and resilience, monitoring & evaluation and innovative finance and partnerships*

30 June 2022  
9:00AM to 11:45AM (CEST: UTC+2h)

### Speakers and Moderators' Biography

**Thursday, 30 June 2022**

**Mr. 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**  
Professor, Organisation  
Development & Institutional  
Learning, President of the Centre  
for Socio-Eco-Nomic  
Development (CSEND)

**Ms. 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 30 years of experience as an advisor to governments and international organisations on organisational development and reform of public administration/services. She 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 system of senior civil service officials in China. She has also been a consultant to the UNDP and other specialised UN agencies, as well as to private-sector companies and civil society organisations.



**Mr. Bokyun Shim**  
Head, UN Project Office on  
Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA

**Mr. Bokyun Shim** is Head of Office of the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), an integral part of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

Since his inauguration in March 2020, he has been dedicated to contributing to strengthening public administration capacities in developing Member States to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Shim was Vice Minister of the Interior and Safety of the Government of the Republic of Korea. Mr. Shim also held various senior positions including Vice Governor for Administrative Affairs of Jeonbuk Province, Assistant Ministers for Planning and Coordination of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, as well as Chair Professor at the Korea National Open University.

During his long and rich experiences in state affairs from 1988 to 2018 with the Government of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Shim had contributed to government innovation, decentralization and digital government development by working for the central and local governments, and the Office of the President of the Republic of Korea. Mr. Shim completed a Doctorate course on Governance at Sungkyunkwan University in Korea and has a Master's degree in Policy Analysis from Saitama University in Japan, a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's degree from Seoul National University.

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**Mr. Prabin Maharjan**  
Programme Management Expert,  
UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

In his current role, **Mr. Prabin Maharjan** supports effective capacity development to fulfill Office's mandate on strengthening public governance and the Sustainable Development Goals, support research and policy analysis to fulfill Office's mandate on building institutions at the national and local levels to support the SDG implementation in an integrated, effective, transparent and accountable way, and support networking and outreach functions to strengthen the Office's outputs in line with project objectives.

Before taking this position Prabin Maharjan worked as an Associate Research and Policy Analysis Expert of the UNPOG where he developed the Training Toolkit on Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation. He has worked with the KOICA, the Asian Association for the Public Administration (AAPA), and the Yonsei University's Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Team in the field of public administration.

He holds a Master's and Doctoral Degree in Public Administration from Yonsei University, the Republic of Korea.

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**Mr. Kazushige Endo**  
Director, United Nations Centre  
for Regional Development  
(UNCRD)

**Mr. Kazushige Endo** assumed the position of Director of UNCRD in August 2018. Prior to this joining UNCRD, he was Deputy Director General of the Great East Japan Earthquake (11 March 2011) reconstruction projects in the Iwate Office, Reconstruction Agency of Cabinet Secretariat. He joined the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in 1990, following his graduation from Kyoto University (Master of Transport Engineering).

His career in Japan covers more than ten engineering positions at government headquarters, the national highway management offices, and local authorities. He transferred to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the World Bank, as Senior Highway Engineer, Transport & ICT Global Practice (Africa Region), (2012-2015), and has had varied experience in international development projects. He is a certified Professional Engineer (Japan) and APEC Engineer.

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**Ms. Nana Urakami**  
Researcher, UNCRD

**Ms. Nana Urakami** is a researcher at UNCRD. She has over 15 years of experience in capacity building and training on a broad range of sustainable development issues for national and local government officials.

She has worked on monitoring and evaluation of SDG implementation in the public-private partnership project, which released the "Handbook for SDG Monitoring by Local Governments". She holds an M.A. in Economics from Kobe University, Japan.

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**Honorable Mr. Toshihiko Ota**  
Mayor of the City of Toyota

**Honorable Mr. Toshihiko Ota** is the Mayor of Toyota City, where he was born and raised. After graduating from Waseda University in 1977, he has been with the City of Toyota since then as an administrator. His inauguration as Mayor was in February 2013.

Prior to this, he had served as Director General of several departments, including Planning Department and Administration Management & Policy Head Office.



**Mr. Takehiro KURIBAYASHI**  
Chief Representative of the City  
of Yokohama Europe  
Representative Office

**Mr. Takehiro KURIBAYASHI** started his new position as Chief Representative of the City of Yokohama Europe Representative Office in April 2021.

He has been employed at the Yokohama City Government since 2002 and was entrusted with promoting business attraction, multiculturalism and inter-city cooperation in the European region.



**Mr. Wu Guosheng**  
Director, Standing Committee of  
the National People's Congress of  
Quzhou City, Zhejiang Province,  
China

**Mr. Wu Guosheng** currently serves as Director of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of Quzhou City, Zhejiang Province. Prior to this, he was Vice Director of the Industrial and Commercial Bureau of Zhejiang Province and then President of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Quzhou City, Zhejiang Province. Since 2017, he has been focused on the implementation of SDG11 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With his efforts, Quzhou City was listed as "SUC International Pilot City of the Sustainable Urban Development Programme". As the "SUC International Pilot City of the Sustainable Urban Development Programme", Quzhou Smart New City carried out development that lasted for 3 years. He was born in July 1963 in Lanxi City, Zhejiang Province and holds a Master's degree in Executive MBA at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

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

**Mr. 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. Gustavo Goy Garcia**  
Infrastructure and Project Management Specialist, The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

**Mr. Gustavo Goy Garcia** is an Infrastructure and Project Management Specialist in the Strategic Initiatives team of the Infrastructure and Project Management Group at UNOPS. Mr Goy Garcia has a background in International Trade, Sustainable Development and Regional and Rural Development Planning with a focus on Sustainable Infrastructure Development. He has more than 15 years of professional experience in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean performing key roles advising on Policy, Programmes and Projects for Territorial Planning and Sustainable Infrastructure Development. Mr. Goy Garcia has worked with multiple international and bilateral development cooperation organizations and with National, Regional and Municipal Governments. He has extensive experience in the Sustainable Infrastructure Project Cycle, from planning and assessment to implementation. Relevant projects include the National Strategic Intermodal Transportation Plan (DNP, Colombia), Climate Change Adaptation in Vulnerable Coastal Cities and Ecosystems of the Uruguay River (CAF, Argentina-Uruguay), Methodology for Transit Oriented Development and Land Value Capture Instruments (FINDETER-AFD, Colombia), Strategic Pedestrian Network Feasibility Studies and Initial Design, Bogotá (WB, Colombia), Guidelines for Hydraulic Infrastructure Investments (Canal de Isabel II, Spain). During his time at UNOPS, he was the Team Leader for the Greater Banjul Area 2040 Urban Masterplan and Investment Plan (The Gambia). In this project, the implementation of the UNOPS Capacity Assessment Tool for Infrastructure (CAT-I) was instrumental to identify the government's challenges in sustainable, resilient, and inclusive infrastructure planning delivery and management. Key results included the need to strengthen the infrastructure asset management enabling environment as a key condition to improve delivery and make investments sustainable, inclusive and of quality.