



2022 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum
*Accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full
implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels*

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Speakers and Moderators' Biography

Day One (Tuesday, 25 October 2022)

Opening of the Forum



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

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 for 1.5 years in 2019 to 2020.

He has 20 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.

He has also been called upon to undertake assignments as Early Recovery Advisor and Early Recovery National Coordinator with the same 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 youth job creation and empowerment, particularly in the Far North Region of Cameroon, which is severely affected by Boko Haram's insurgency, not to mention land use agro-pastoral conflicts, which are exacerbated by increases in drought and flooding associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

Prior to joining the UN, Mr. D'Aragon worked as the Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC - Canada), 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, and he also taught and lectured in different universities in Brazil, Portugal, France and in Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has earned his Ph.D.



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed **Mr. Li Junhua** of China as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs effective 25 July 2022.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Li was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Italy and San Marino. He brings to the position perspectives and visions on fostering multilateral economic and social cooperation, with a commitment to engage with all parties to further implement the 2030 Agenda including dedication to serve Member States. He has contributed to numerous meetings of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, as well as other multilateral meetings including the G20, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM), BRICS etc.

As Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Li guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He also oversees the substantive services to many intergovernmental processes, including the annual meetings of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including its Development Cooperation Forum, and the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC. In addition to intergovernmental processes, Mr. Li oversees DESA's policy analysis and capacity development work. He also serves as the Convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development.



Mr. Li Junhua

UN Under-Secretary-General for
Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Li began his career at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1985. Since then, he has served in various capacities, including as Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (2013-2019), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Myanmar (2010-2012), Deputy Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (2008-2010), Minister Counselor (Political), Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (2003-2008), Division Director and Counselor in charge of UN General Assembly and Security Council Affairs (2001-2003), Second and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (1997-2001). Third and Second Secretary, the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (1992-1997) and Assistant to the Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of China to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok (1986-1992).

Mr. Li holds a Master's in International Public Policy, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Li is married.



Mr. Chun Kyoo Park
Head of Office, UNOSD

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."



H.E. Mr. HanSeung Kum
Deputy Minister for Climate
Change and Carbon
Neutral Policy, Ministry of
Environment, Republic of Korea

H.E. Mr. HanSeung Kum is the Deputy Minister for Climate Change and Carbon Neutral Policy at the Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea. He has extensive experiences in the Korean government, having served as the Director General of Policy Planning Bureau, Environmental Economy Policy Bureau, Air Quality Policy Bureau and Climate Change Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Environment, and as the President of National Institute of Environmental Human Resources Development. Prior to his current post, he served as the Secretary General for the 2050 Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth Commission from June 2021 until July 2022.

Mr. HanSeung Kum graduated from Korea University majoring in Public Administration BA and holds a Master's degree in Environmental Economics from the University of Cambridge.



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Jehak Jang
Ambassador for International
Relations of the Incheon
Metropolitan City

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Jehak Jang is the Ambassador for International Relations at the Incheon Metropolitan City. He has a rich range of experience working with organizations such as the UNESCAP, Korean Embassy, Korean Consulate General and now the Incheon Metropolitan City.

He studied business administration and management at Seoul National University and further study of finance at Georgetown University.



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Léon Faber
Deputy Executive Director, Asia-
Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ambassador Léon FABER joined the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as its 8th Deputy Executive Director on September 1st, 2020. Ambassador FABER is a seasoned career diplomat with nearly 30 years of experience. His previous postings include being Head of Mission, European Union Delegation to the Lao PDR; Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg; Chargé d'affaires of Luxembourg, Embassy in Hanoi. He has worked in the areas of Human Rights, Health and Humanitarian Affairs and he has more than 20 years of experience in Development Cooperation. He received his M.A. in Sinology, Classical and Modern Chinese Philology, and European History from the University of Trèves, Germany (1989). He has studied at the University of Fudan, Shanghai (1983-85), the University of Heidelberg (1981 -83), and the University of Luxembourg (1980-81). Ambassador FABER has always had a great interest in the intercultural dialogue he is happy to bring in to his current position. He is married with three children.



Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes
UNOSD consultant, co-facilitator of
the SDTF, Senior Advisor on
Governance of the Stakeholder
Forum for a Sustainable Future

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.



Irena Zubcevic has over 20 years of experience in sustainable development. She is currently supporting intergovernmental processes related to sustainable development at the United Nations including High-level political forum on sustainable development in particular Voluntary national reviews.

Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Director
Stakeholder Forum for a
Sustainable Future, formerly Chief
of Intergovernmental Policy and
Review Branch, Office of
Intergovernmental Support and
Coordination for Sustainable
Development (OISC), UN DESA

Straight Talk: Geopolitical realities and COVID-19 impact on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achievement of SDGs



Mr. Narantsogt Sanjaa
Vice Minister, Ministry of Economy
and Development, Mongolia

Mr. Narantsogt Sanjaa is the Vice Minister of Economy and Development of Mongolia who has two decades of experience in the Government of Mongolia. Prior to joining the Ministry of Economy and Development, Mr. Narantsogt was the State Secretary of Ministry of Finance. Previously, he served as the Director General of Department at the Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture as well as and Ministry of Finance. During his years in the public service, he was awarded with state decorations and orders for his dedication and accomplishment to advancing the country's development. A Mongolian national, he holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Engineering-Economics from the Seoul National University, and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physics and Mathematics from the School of Physics and Mathematics, National University of Mongolia. He has successfully completed the Public Financial Management Program at the Harvard University, the Program of Revenue Statistics from the Seoul National University, and the Public Financial Management Program in Singapore.



Mr. Kodjo Mensah-Abrampa
Director General of the National
Development Planning
Commission, Ghana

Dr Kodjo Esseim Mensah-Abrampa is currently the Director General of National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) and also serves on a number of Boards and Councils. He worked as the Senior Technical Adviser to the Ministry of Planning 2017 to 2019 and played a leading role in the technical team that developed the Coordinated Programme for the President of Ghana (2017-2024) and facilitated its dissemination. Dr. Mensah-Abrampa prior to taking up the home tasks was a Global Policy Adviser for the United Nations Development Programme at its headquarters in New York responsible for Local Development and Urbanization, initiating several development and investment programmes in post conflict local economies. He had before that spent five years working as the Deputy Head of Office for East and Southern Africa for United Nations Capital Development Fund, facilitating private sector funding of public infrastructure and local economic development in the Africa Region. At home in Ghana, he lectured in Development Planning & Management at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, a Monitoring and Evaluation Expert at the National Development Planning Commission and a Senior Governance Adviser for Netherlands Development Organisation in Accra. He is an ardent development planning and public-private-partnership expert and undertaken advisory and consultancy assignments for key development organisations including the World Bank, EU, DfID, GIZ, AfDB and many others. He shared his experience as a Guest lecturer with University of Dortmund in Germany, 1996-1999 and supported scholarly activities in Yale Governance and Local Development Conflict Management Programme, July 2015; and MIT's Urban and Regional Planning Programme in August 2015.

He is a scholar and practitioner in Development Planning and Public Finance with a Bachelors in Development Planning from KNUST, a Masters in Public Administration from University of Ghana, and a Doctorate in Development Economics and Public Financial Management from University of Dortmund, Germany. He has to his credit several other certificate programmes in Diplomacy, Poverty Management, and Security & Crises Management.



Mr. Jordy Vilchez Astucuri
National Director, Foresight and
Strategic Studies, National Center
for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN),
Peru

Mr. Jordy Vilchez Astucuri is National Director at National Center for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN), Peru. He has been serving at the National Director of Foresight and Strategic Studies for 9 years since 2013. He has extensive experience in the public and private sector. Specialization in Prospective for Development from ECLAC. Expert in Information and Communication Technologies. Specialization in Prospective for Development from ECLAC. Expert in Information and Communication Technologies. Prior to CEPLAN, he was working for Telefónica as Mobile Network / IT & Corporate Network / Management Control & Operational Risk Analysis for 5 years, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú as laboratory head, and for Grupo Graña y Montero as a telecommunications engineer.

He holds his Master's degree in Strategic Business Administration and Telecommunications Engineering from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, MBA from Maastricht School of Management, The Netherlands. Postgraduate degree in Telecommunications from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia.



Mr. Ram Kumar Phuyal
Director, economic and social
sectors, and progress
monitoring of the Sustainable
Development Goals, National
Planning Commission,
Government of Nepal

Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal has been a honourable member of the National Planning Commission (NPC) of the Government of Nepal (GoN) since 24th April 2018. He primarily oversees economic sectors such as Industry, Commerce, Supply, Culture, Tourism, Civil Aviation, Labour, Employment, Social Security, and Statistics in the NPC. Additionally, he directs progress monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, and coordinates development activities of the Bagmati province. One of his major accomplishments in the NPC includes his significant contribution in drafting and formulating the 15th five-year periodic plan of Nepal. Similarly, he has also played a pivotal role in guiding the [formulation of the periodic plans](#) in Nepal's subnational and local level governments.

As a planner and policy expert, he has served as a chair, head, team lead, coordinator, and senior advisor/ expert of various steering committees and taskforces set up by the GoN at different times. As a researcher and career University Professor, he has served for over one and half decades as a faculty of Economics in both graduate and post-graduate programs of Tribhuvan University (TU) Nepal from 2001 to 2018. Prior to his appointment at the NPC, he was an Associate Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Development and Administration (CEDA) in TU, Kirtipur for five years from 2013 to 2018. Dr. Phuyal earned M.A. in Economics from the T.U. in 2000 and Ph.D. in Economics from the CNU, in February 2011, where he was awarded with the Graduate research scholarship for his Ph.D. in March 2006. In addition to that, he was honored with the outstanding Ph.D. fellowship awards in the years 2006 and 2007. He then worked as a postdoctoral scholar in the Centre for Regional Development of the CNU, from 2011 to 2012. Engaging in policy debates and discussions has been his passionate hobby for a long time.

Theme: SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation



Ms. Dora Almasy
Researcher

Ms. Dora Almasy is a researcher and works at the intersection of environmental governance and monitoring. She has 15 years of practice and research experience assessing sustainability strategies, policies, and programmes. Since 2008, she has participated in various international research projects and is the author and co-author of +25 publications focusing on climate change, nature-based solutions, and circular economy. Dora holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences and Policy from the Central European University, has a post-graduate degree in Business Management from Sciences Po (Paris, France), and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Miskolc (Hungary).



Mr. Peter King
Senior Policy Advisor, Institute for
Global Environmental
Strategies (IGES) Regional
Centre, Bangkok

Dr. Peter King has been an avid environmentalist since undergraduate days at Melbourne University (Bachelors in Agricultural Science) and it has remained an abiding passion for more than 50 years. He started his career in the Soil Conservation Authority in the state of Victoria and became the Land Studies Coordinator in Victoria's first Ministry for Conservation. He was one of the first graduates from the Masters degree in Environmental Science programme at Monash University in 1977. He spent some time at the Environment and Policy Institute, East West Center in Hawaii and then set up his own environmental consulting company. Following some successful work for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as a consultant in the period 1984-88, he started work with the ADB in March 1991 as an Environment Specialist in the Office of Environment. He established a sound reputation as ADB's leading natural resources management ("green") expert, with personal responsibility for over 50 loan and TA projects. In 1998, he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (Environmental Science) degree from Murdoch University in Perth, with a thesis entitled "Integrated Economic and Environmental Planning at the Subnational Level in Asia." In 2005, he took early retirement from ADB and is currently a Senior Policy Advisor for the Institute of Global Environmental Strategies based in Bangkok.



Ms. Yujeong Kim
Senior Sustainable Development
Officer, UNOSD

Ms. Yujeong Kim is the Senior Sustainable Development Officer at the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD). She contributes towards the capacity building of Member States for achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through organizing capacity building events, developing training material, undertaking policy research studies, and building partnerships with various organizations. Prior to joining the UNOSD, Ms. Kim worked as a Senior Specialist at the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, where she led policy design and implementation on air quality, environmental health, water and climate change. She also served for the President's Office and the Office for Government Policy Coordination to develop and promote green growth policies. Ms. Kim holds a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science in Earth System Sciences from Seoul National University.



Mr. Raymond Saner
Professor Titular, Organisation and
International Management, Basle
University

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 (non governmental research and development organization, 1993-present) accredited by ECOSOC with consultative status and expert working for international organizations, national governments and CSO organizations. 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.



Atty. Jo Kristine
Celera-Revil, Manila Water
Company Inc.

Atty. Jo Kristine “Kaye” Gerona Celera is the Head of Manila Water Company's Enterprise Regulatory Affairs Group for the East Zone. She is an experienced lawyer with a demonstrated history as an elected local government official and national government accredited leagues officer. Prior to joining Manila Water Company, Atty. Kaye Celera worked in a law firm where she enjoyed litigation. She was also a public servant being the elected Vice Governor of Masbate Province from 2015 to 2019 and Senior Board Member from 2013-2015. She was the elected President of the Lady Local Legislators' League of the Philippines and served as Assistant Secretary General to the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines from 2017-2019. In 2017, she has been a professional fellow of the US State Department's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative, and an Australian Political Exchange Council alumna in the same year. She has also been a Hanns Seidel Foundation Fellow for a Federalism Study in 2018. She is currently also a professor at the De La Salle College of St. Benilde, School of Diplomacy & Governance.

Atty. Kaye has a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism from the University of the Philippines-Diliman and a Juris Doctor from the Ateneo de Manila University-School of Law. She also took Executive Education from Harvard University-Kennedy School, University of Florida-Warrington College of Business, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Innsbruck, Fribourg University and the National University of Singapore. She also took various online training programs from Oxford University and the Asian Institute of Management, among others & is currently pursuing a Master in Business Economics from the University of Asia & the Pacific.

Theme: SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy



Mr. Michael Williamson
Chief of Sustainable Energy
Development Section, Energy
Division, Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the
Pacific (UN ESCAP)

Michael Williamson is Section Chief in the Energy Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Michael works on regional cooperation for sustainable energy across ESCAP's 53 member countries, spanning intergovernmental dialogue, technical assistance and research. Prior to this, Michael was the acting Director of ESCAP's Subregional Office for South and South West Asia overseeing 10 countries of South and South West Asia. He was previously Chief of Staff and Senior Adviser to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. He began his UN career in 2013 as the Head of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, ESCAP's regional institution based in India.

Michael's experience over the last 20 years covers the private sector, government and international organisations with a focus on sustainable development, energy, technology and climate change. He worked for Australian governments at state and federal level in climate change, sustainability and energy policy and in humanitarian assignments with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Michael holds a Master of Science in Renewable Energy Technology from Loughborough University, UK, an honours degree in Civil Engineering from Monash University, Australia and a post graduate diploma in management from the Australian Institute of Management. He is a graduate of the UN leadership course at the United Nations Staff College.



Ms. Jacqueline Cottrell
Green fiscal policy consultant,
Freelance Associate, Green
Budget Germany

Ms. Jacqueline Cottrell is a specialist in green fiscal policy, green budgeting and inclusive green economy policies and strategies. Since 2004, she has worked as a self-employed policy consultant, delivering policy and strategic advisory, human capacity development, and research. Jacqueline has worked with numerous international organizations, including GIZ, AFD, Expertise France, the European Commission, UNEP, UNESCAP, UNOSD, UNITAR, ADB, ATAF, IISD/GSI, the ILO and ADBI. She has published widely in the fields of environmental economics and inclusive green economy. Jacqueline is a freelance associate of the Berlin-based think tank Green Budget Germany and lives in Scotland.



Ms. Radia Sedaoui
Chief of the Energy Section,
Sustainable Development
Policies Division, at the UN-
Economic Social Commission
West Asia (ESCWA)

Ms. Radia Sedaoui is the Chief of Section, Economic Affairs, in the Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster of the UN Economic Social Commission of West Asia (ESCWA) since 2016. Ms. Radia is the President of the “Arab Energy Club”.

Ms. Radia is an internationally recognized expert who bring more than 22 years of experience in oil and gas value chains and markets, carbon management, water-energy-food nexus, circular carbon economy, renewable energy and energy efficiency, energy modeling, economic diversification and climate change policies and technologies.

Ms. Radia previously served as Head Statistics and Gas Modeling Department at the Intergovernmental Organization of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum in Qatar and previously held several senior positions in Algeria with “Sonatrach” as Director of Strategy and Corporate, Head Portfolio management.



Ms. Sun-Jin Yun
Professor of Environmental
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Environmental Studies, Seoul
National University, South Korea

Dr. Sun-Jin Yun is a Professor of Environmental Studies at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies at Seoul National University. Prof. Yun graduated from Seoul National University, major in Sociology. She earned her MA and Ph.D. at University of Delaware, major in Environmental and Energy Policy, and has dedicated most of her career to promoting sustainable development and addressing environmental issues through vigorous research, lecturing, and social activities. In May 2021, Prof. YUN Sun-Jin was appointed as the Co-Chairperson of 2050 Carbon Neutrality Commission of Republic of Korea and deeply participated in the development of the 2050 carbon neutrality scenarios and establishment of the enhanced 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). Before assuming the role of Co-Chairperson of 2050 Carbon Neutrality Commission, Prof. Yun previously served in various positions at Government’s Committees, including Ex-Chairperson of Sustainable Development Committee, Ex-Chairperson of Korea Energy Information Culture Agency, Ex-Chairperson of Implementation Council for One Less Nuclear Power Plant Initiative and Energy Policy Committee of Seoul, etc. She has published around 200 articles and more than 70 co-authored books including Environmental Movements in Korea with the renowned environmental sociologist, Riley E. Dunlap. Her major research areas of interest include climate policy, energy policy, environmental policy, environmental movements and awareness, environmental governance, management of commons and common-pool resources, and environmental education.



Mr. Suneel Pandey
Director, Environment &
Waste Management, The
Energy Resource Institute (TERI)

Dr Suneel Pandey is Senior Fellow and Director, Environment & Waste Management Division, TERI. In addition, he is Adjunct Faculty at the TERI School of Advanced Studies.

He has more than 25 years of consultancy/ research experience in the areas of municipal, industrial and hospital waste management, plastic waste management, waste-to-energy issues, impact assessment, air, water and soil quality monitoring, site assessments, performance evaluation of ETP and institutional strengthening and capacity building. He has obtained his Ph. D. degree in hazardous waste characterization from Nagpur University while working as Project Fellow at NEERI, Nagpur. He has MSc, Analytical Chemistry, Banaras Hindu University, India and did his BSc, Chemistry from Banaras Hindu University, India. Prior to joining TERI, Suneel has worked for ERM India as Consultant for two years, where he was working on projects related to hazardous and hospital waste management, environmental site assessments and institutional strengthening and capacity building. Suneel has also worked as Research Assistant at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on development of landfill liner for containment of land disposed hazardous waste and University of Hong Kong on deriving material balances and associated environmental pollution for Hong Kong region as part of Post Doctoral Research.



Mr. Simon Høiberg Olsen
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Simon Høiberg Olsen has been with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) since 2010. Prior to that he spent 3 years with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific. He has been actively involved in various research, development and civil society projects and initiatives focusing on environmental governance and civil society participation, since the idea for the SDGs was initially introduced in 2011. He has a Master's Degree in Southeast Asian Studies from the University of Copenhagen and is pursuing a Ph.D. with the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University in Budapest.

Climate Change Publication Launch



Ms. Grażyna Pulawska

Associate Director, Governance & Sustainable Development Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ms. Grażyna PULAWSKA is an Associate Director responsible for the Sustainable Development project portfolio at the Asia-Europe Foundation. Grażyna has been managing various international projects and research teams for over a decade on topics related to the circular economy and climate change, most recently looking into enabling conditions for the circular transition of companies via innovation and digitisation.

Prior to ASEF, Grażyna worked for the Ministry of Economy in Poland, working in the field of regional development via innovation. She has also been active in the NGO sector, mainly with the Service Civil International network in Belgium and the Development Wheel, a Bangladesh-based NGO specialising in supporting local entrepreneurship and fair trade artisans.

She received her Master's degree in International Relations through a joint programme between the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and the Warsaw School of Economics.



Mr. Michael Siegner

Resident Representative, Hanns Seidel Foundation

Mr. Micheal Siegner is currently working as a Resident Representative at Hanns Seidel Foundation. He is dedicated professional with expertise in conflict-sensitive programme management, public administration and institutional development. Prior to Hanns Seidel Foundation, he was working at Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy(DITP) as Technical Advisor, Federalism and Conflict Management as a consultant, Canterbury Christ Church University as a Research Assistant, and Hanns Seidel Foundation as a programme manager.

He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration BA, master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies at The Phillip University of Marburg and University of Kent.



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Day Two (Wednesday, 26 October 2022)

Theme: SDG 9 - Resilient Infrastructure, Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization, and Innovation



Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes

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Ms. Selin Dilekli,

Strategy and Budget Expert at the Presidency of Strategy and Budget Under Presidency of the Republic of Turkey

Ms. Selin Dilekli is a Strategy and Budget Expert at the Department of Environment and Sustainable Development under the Presidency of Strategy and Budget in Türkiye. She has 22 years of experience in development planning, policy analysis and investment programming/budgeting. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Middle East Technical University (Türkiye) and a Master of Arts degree in Applied Economics from Northeastern University (USA).



Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu
Professor, Organisation Development
& Institutional Learning, President of
the Centre for Socio-Eco-nomic
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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.

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**Theme: SDG 9 (...) - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: Circular Industry –
Innovation and Digitisation as Enablers for SMEs**



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Ms. Grażyna PULAWSKA is an Associate Director responsible for the Sustainable Development project portfolio at the Asia-Europe Foundation. Grażyna has been managing various international projects and research teams for over a decade on topics related to the circular economy and climate change, most recently looking into enabling conditions for the circular transition of companies via innovation and digitisation.

Prior to ASEF, Grażyna worked for the Ministry of Economy in Poland, working in the field of regional development via innovation. She has also been active in the NGO sector, mainly with the Service Civil International network in Belgium and the Development Wheel, a Bangladesh-based NGO specialising in supporting local entrepreneurship and fair trade artisans.

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Prior to joining ASEIC in November 2021, Hyun has come with over 16 years of experience in international development cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnerships. The main functions she has carried out range between sustainable development policy advisory, strategic planning, international development programme and project management, and capacity development support provided to the governments and other stakeholders concerned. she has served a total of nine countries including seven developing countries of Lao PDR, Myanmar, Mongolia, Solomon Islands, Morocco, Bolivia, and the Dominican Republic.

Hyun has worked for various organizations including such United Nations (UN) agencies as UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), UN Volunteers (UNV), and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) and public policy consultancy.



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Mr. Atsushi Watabe has a strong background in the Sociology of Rural Development, Population Movement, and Migration in the South-east Asian Countries. He is also experienced in monitoring and evaluating environmental policies (in particular climate policies) in the developing countries. He has been engaged in the tasks as follows: Monitoring and Advisory of Indonesia Climate Change Program Loan (2008-2012), Fukushima Action Research (2012-14), UN 10-Year Framework for Sustainable Consumption and Production (2014-), and Policy Design and Evaluation to Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns in Asian Region (2016-).



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Mr. Admen Hassan is the Head of SME Academy at the Centre For Entrepreneur Development And Research (CEDAR) of SME Bank Malaysia, actively involved in training SMEs to sustain and grow their businesses. CEDAR and SME Bank have won a number of ESG-related awards in 2021 including Outstanding Development Project Award, SME development at the 44th ADFIAP Awards. Admen is also a permanent invitee of SME Bank's ESG Working Committee. Prior to CEDAR, Admen was Head of Sustainability Outreach at Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) Malaysia. Admen also has over 20 years of diverse experience, from branding with over 50 brands, to being part of enabling Malaysia's technology policies. In addition to conducting various entrepreneurship development programmes, he is also active as a speaker on ESG issues locally and internationally.



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Dr. Bernadia is the first woman Secretary General of the UCLG's regional section. She has been working in urban development and related fields for more than 15 years. She began her career at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and afterward CITYNET in Yokohama. Dr. Bernadia has also been a visiting professor at several universities in Japan and speaking at various international events. In 2015, she was appointed as a member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI) of UNHABITAT. She was selected as one of prominent women whose work makes impacts in Asia Pacific in 2018 by GovInsider Asia.

Her interests are on strategic urban planning, climate change, disaster management, water management, women empowerment, and local governance. Dr. Bernadia received her PhD in urban engineering from the University of Tokyo, and two master degrees in Atmospheric Physics from Nagoya University, Japan and in Public Policy from National University of Singapore.

As the Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi is the chief executive officer of UCLG Asia-Pacific Section. She directs the daily activities of the Section and carries out the decisions of the Regional General Assembly, the Regional Council and the Executive Bureau. The Secretary General manages the Secretariat's activities, programmes and finances of the Section under the guidance of the Presidency and reports to the Executive Bureau.



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Dr Sugath Yalagama is a senior government officer with over two decades of service experience at various government ministries in Sri Lanka including the Ministries of Environment, Public Administration, Finance, Transport, National Policies and Sustainable Development. He has been involved in the national level planning, capacity building and project management, and possesses a wealth of experience in managing the environment sector subjects. As the Director General of Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Council, he steered the Sri Lanka's first VNR submitted to HLPF2018, which was widely acclaimed for greater stakeholder consultation and engagement. At present he acts as the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing of Sri Lanka.



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Mr. Muhammad Humair Karim is a career civil servant having 30 years of professional experience, spanning the Civil Service of Pakistan, International Development and the Private Sectors. He has held important positions at Federal, Provincial and field levels dealing with planning, economic development, foreign economic assistance, institutional reforms, monitoring & evaluation, and public grievance redressal. Mr. Humair earned his Master's Degree in Management Science & Operational Research, from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom (1998-1999) as a part of the British Council's Chevening Scholarship. He also holds Master's in Business Administration (MBA) (1991) and Bachelors in Business Administration Honours (BBA HONS) (1990) degrees from the Institute of Business Administration (I.B.A.), Karachi, Pakistan. He has completed the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship in Finance and Banking from the University of Minnesota, USA (2002-2003). As a part of the Fellowship, he did his Professional Affiliation at the World Bank, Washington DC, USA. Mr. Humair is presently serving as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs (EAD), Government of Pakistan. In addition, he has served as Additional Secretary in Federal Ombudsman Secretariat (Nov 2021-June 2022), Ministry of Commerce (Sep. 2020-June 2021) and Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (March 2019-Sept. 2020). He has also served in the Asian Development Bank (July 2004-July 2009), on deputation from Government of Pakistan. His earlier assignments include postings as Joint Secretary in Economic Affairs Division (Sept. 2017- March 2019) and the Prime Minister's Office (Aug. 2016-Aug. 2017), Counsellor / Community Welfare Attaché, Embassy of Pakistan, Seoul, South Korea (Jan. 2011 to Dec. 2015), amongst other positions held. He has also held positions as Deputy Commissioner of a District, and Assistance Commissioner of different subdivisions (sub-districts).

Theme: SDG 17 - Partnership for the Goals



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Léon Faber
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Ambassador Léon FABER joined the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as its 8th Deputy Executive Director on September 1st, 2020. Ambassador FABER is a seasoned career diplomat with nearly 30 years of experience. His previous postings include being Head of Mission, European Union Delegation to the Lao PDR; Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg; Chargé d'affaires of Luxembourg, Embassy in Hanoi. He has worked in the areas of Human Rights, Health and Humanitarian Affairs and he has more than 20 years of experience in Development Cooperation. He received his M.A. in Sinology, Classical and Modern Chinese Philology, and European History from the University of Trèves, Germany (1989). He has studied at the University of Fudan, Shanghai (1983-85), the University of Heidelberg (1981 -83), and the University of Luxembourg (1980-81). Ambassador FABER has always had a great interest in the intercultural dialogue he is happy to bring in to his current position. He is married with three children.



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He completed Post-Graduate Program in Management from the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. He holds Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

Day Three (Thursday, 27 October 2022)

Theme: Achieving SDGs in fragile contexts: countries in special situations, conflict and post-conflict countries



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From 1996 to 1998 served as a Chief of Staff to the President of Republika Srpska, then in 1998/99 as the adviser to the Prime Minister of Republika Srpska. In 1999 joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 2000 until 2005 served as Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations in New York followed by the position of Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York until 2008. From 2008 until 2012, Ambassador at Large in the MFA of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dealing with the Security Council issues, leading the campaign for Bosnia's non-permanent membership in the Security Council 2010/2011. From 2012 till 2015 Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UN Office in Geneva. From 2015-2022 Ambassador at Large in the MFA of Bosnia and Herzegovina responsible for UN issues, Co-Chair of the Working Group / Council for the follow-up of the implementation of the SDG Agenda. Also dealing with the regional intergovernmental organizations.



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David C. Smith, PhD (Zoology) is the Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD) and Director of the Centre for Environmental Management (CEM). He is the Caribbean Coordinator for the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN) and was a member of the Independent Group of Scientists who prepared the UN Global Sustainable Development Report 2019.

Dr Smith has worked at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Jamaica Country Office, from 2002 to 2008, where he had responsibility for Energy, the Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management. He was also Co-Chair of the UN technical team on disasters in Jamaica. At the UNDP, Dr Smith developed and managed a programme folio which included two regional projects operating in multiple countries within the Caribbean: The Integrating Watershed and Coastal Area Management project jointly managed with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) which strengthened watershed and coastal zone management in eight Caribbean countries and the ECHO-funded Weather Radar project which strengthened capacity for early warning mechanisms in Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In September 2007, he was appointed Assistant Resident Representative (Programme). During his tenure at the UNDP, he mobilised resources for National Capacity Self Assessments, National Biodiversity and Action Plans, Protected Areas and the obligations of Jamaica and the Bahamas under the Montréal Protocol. He also established the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme for Jamaica and managed its establishment in the Bahamas.

Dr Smith is a past president of the Caribbean Conservation Association, served on the Association's board for five years and was a regional Councillor for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), with responsibility for North America and the Caribbean, chair of the Business Committee of the IUCN's council and member of the steering committees of the IUCN commissions on Species Survival, Protected Areas as well as Communication and Education. He was the Executive Director of the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust for ten years and played a major role in establishing Jamaica's system of National Parks and Protected Areas. He sat on several Jamaica government policy development committees and the Council of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOJ). He has done several Environmental Assessments and was instrumental in the design and implementation of Green Globe certified Environmental Management System in a major resort in Jamaica. He has also consulted on verification of Carbon emission reductions.



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Ms. Portia Dugu currently works at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat as the Acting Pacific Regionalism Adviser based in Suva, Fiji. With a Masters in Diplomacy and International Affairs, Portia has applied her analytical and strategic capabilities over the past 15 years across a number of international development organisations including the WHO, UNDP and the International Federation of Red Cross. She works closely with Forum members and CROP partners at the nexus of policy development and decision-making towards the implementation of the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and the drafting of the Pacific Sustainable Development Report which highlights the regions progress on the SDGs and the other key regional and international commitments.



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Ms. Radia is an internationally recognized expert who bring more than 22 years of experience in oil and gas value chains and markets, carbon management, water-energy-food nexus, circular carbon economy, renewable energy and energy efficiency, energy modeling, economic diversification and climate change policies and technologies.

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Straight Talk: Transformative actions dealing with synergies and trade-offs with special emphasis on the goals under review (6, 7 ,9, 11 and 17)



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Michael's experience over the last 20 years covers the private sector, government and international organisations with a focus on sustainable development, energy, technology and climate change. He worked for Australian governments at state and federal level in climate change, sustainability and energy policy and in humanitarian assignments with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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The Third Report of the 2021 Voluntary National Review that highlights compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda through the National Development Priorities; Participation in the Regional Forum of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean representing Guatemala, 2021 and 2022; So also participation in the United Nations High Level Political Forum, 2020, 2021, 2022; The organization of events in regional and global forums of the United Nations; active participation and leadership in the socialization of guidelines for compliance with the General Government Policy and national development prioritization have managed to guide the public management of all institutions to focus on the goals of the sustainable development objectives for the development of the country, through planning instruments; the coordination of documents such as: Climate Change and its impact on National Development Priorities; Climate Change and Risk Management in Planning processes.

Theme: Sustainable development governance: is it fit for purpose?



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Mr. Keping Yao has been working at UNPOG since February 2013, and his areas of work include strengthening public administration capacity in developing countries for realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, digital government, innovation in public service delivery, citizen engagement and government innovation for promoting social inclusion of vulnerable groups, and open government data for disaster risk reduction. Prior to joining UNPOG, Mr. Yao worked in UN DESA's Statistics Division and Division for Public Administration and Development Management from June 2002 to January 2013. Preceding his service at the UN, Mr. Yao worked as the Deputy Chief of Economic Analysis Division in Research and Statistics Department of the People's Bank of China from 1993 to 2002. He holds a PhD in Economics.



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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.



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He has developed capacity development activities to facilitate peer learning among countries for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, including capacity development support for voluntary national reviews (VNRs) and more recently voluntary local reviews (VLRs). Before that he served as a member of the core team that supported the GA Open Working Group to develop a set of universal sustainable development goals (SDGs). Prior to that he focused on the institutional framework for sustainable development, or sustainable development governance, for the Rio+20 conference.

He graduated from the University of Cape town with two Bachelor degrees, degree of Law, political studies, and languages and Bachelor of Law. He holds his LLM, Law from Humboldt University of Berlin, and his SJD from Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University.

Day Four (Friday, 28 October 2022)

Closing Session



Mr. Jean D'Aragon
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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 for 1.5 years in 2019 to 2020.

He has 20 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.

He has also been called upon to undertake assignments as Early Recovery Advisor and Early Recovery National Coordinator with the same 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 youth job creation and empowerment, particularly in the Far North Region of Cameroon, which is severely affected by Boko Haram's insurgency, not to mention land use agro-pastoral conflicts, which are exacerbated by increases in drought and flooding associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

Prior to joining the UN, Mr. D'Aragon worked as the Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC - Canada), 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, and he also taught and lectured in different universities in Brazil, Portugal, France and in Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has earned his Ph.D.



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Mr. Chun Kyoo Park
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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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Laure du TEILHET, a French national, has been working in international relations and cooperation for 25 years. As a project and program manager, she started her professional career working for NGOs at headquarters in France and in the field abroad. Her previous work experience includes working in the French public sector (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, embassies, Ministry of Defense and public institutions) and working for various international or intergovernmental organisations such as the OSCE, EU and OIF worldwide.

Before joining ASEF as Director of Governance and Sustainable Development Department, Laure was appointed by French MFA to central Asia, where she worked for four years. More recently, she worked as a judge-assessor at France's national court for asylum.

Committed team director Laure demonstrates strategic thinking while valuing diversity and collective intelligence. Being a French native speaker, English, German, Russian and Spanish are also part of her working languages.
