



## Side Event at the 27<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27): Exploring approaches to mitigation target setting for NDC updates

**Date and time:** 2:00-4:00 PM, 10 November 2022

**Venue:** Korea Pavilion of COP27, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

### Speakers and Moderator Biography

Opening Session	
 <p><b>Mr. Li Junhua</b> UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs</p>	<p><b>Mr. Li Junhua</b> is the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Li was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Italy and San Marino.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 holds a Master's in International Public Policy, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.</p>
 <p><b>Mr. Chun Kyoo Park</b> Head of Office United Nations Office for Sustainable Development</p>	<p><b>Mr. Chun Kyoo Park</b> 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 at the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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."</p>

## Standard for National and Subnational Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals



**Ms. Kelly Levin**  
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**Ms. Kelly Levin** is Chief of Science, Data and Systems Change for the Bezos Earth Fund. In this role, she brings data, analysis and evidence to inform the Fund's strategic direction. Kelly is also Co-Director of the Systems Change Lab, which monitors, learns from and accelerates the transformational change required to protect people and the planet.

Before coming to the Earth Fund, Kelly spent 12 years at the World Resources Institute, where she was the Director of Tracking and Strengthening Climate Action in WRI's global climate program. Kelly holds a PhD and Master of Environmental Management from Yale's School of Environment and a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale College.

## Experiences of Designing Mitigation Goal at National and Subnational Level



**Mr. Jongchul Bang**  
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**Dr. Jongchul Bang** is a senior researcher of the GHG Reduction Research Team in the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR). He received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST).

Before joining GIR, Dr. Bang worked at the Electric and Nuclear Power Team of the Korea Institute of Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning (KETEP), and Division of Life Sciences of the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). He has contributed to the research on the national and sectoral GHG reduction goals of Korea including 2030 NDC and 2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenarios, and the monitoring of Korea's GHG reduction effort progress. He also has participated in the preparation of Korea's 3rd National Communication and 1st, 2nd & 4th Biennial Update Report under the UNFCCC.



**Ms. Antonella Piacentinni**  
Head  
Department of Mitigation, Ministry of  
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**Ms. Antonella Piacentinni** is Head of the Department of Mitigation, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Paraguay



**Mr. Sonam Tobgay**  
Chief Forestry Officer  
Ministry of Agriculture and  
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**Mr. Sonam Tobgay** has a Master's degree in Mountain Forestry with majors in ecology from the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna in Austria. A passionate conservationist, Mr. Tobgay has served for more than 19 years in various agencies in the field of environmental conservation and forestry sector in different capacities across Bhutan. He has designed strategic plans for the protected areas and have made a number of important contributions to Bhutan's sustainable forest management and conservation programmes at both the policy and implementation levels.

Currently, Mr. Tobgay is responsible for leading and coordinating the strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation of the sustainable forest management program implementation in Bhutan. As the Head of the Forest Resources Management Division under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Royal Government of Bhutan, his team was tasked with leading the second nationwide National Forest Inventory (NFI) to understand the condition of the country's forests, growing stock, biodiversity, forest carbon stock, and changes in forest ecosystems among others in the country.



**Mr. Letsatsi Phinehas Lekhooa**  
Participant of the COP27 Simulation  
Model, Lesotho

**Mr. Letsatsi Phinehas Lekhooa** was selected to be part of the COP27 Simulation Model, which is organized by the British University in Egypt along with the UNDP, an initiative to lead and target worldwide climate conference by the youth

Letsatsi Lekhooa has five years of experience in the nonprofit sector and government sector, and currently pursuing a Master of Science Specializing in Climate Change at the University of Free State and Certificate in Paris Agreement on Climate Change as Development Agenda at United Nations System Staff College (UNFCCC). He has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from the National University of Lesotho and a Diploma in Climate Friendly Travel Tourism at the Institute of Tourism Studies.



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## Supporting Countries to Enhance their NDCs through Ambition, Quality and Process



**Ms. Amanda McKee**  
Director for Knowledge and Learning  
NDC Partnership, World Resources  
Institute

**Amanda McKee** is the Director for Knowledge and Learning with the NDC Partnership Support Unit. She oversees the development of knowledge products and learning activities to support NDC implementation and ambition-raising efforts across the Partnership members and beyond.

Previously, Amanda managed the Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP), supporting 67 developing countries to enhance their NDCs as part of the 2020 update process. This included disbursement of the Partnership's \$30 million Technical Assistance Fund.

Amanda has spent her career fostering collaboration to promote learning across sectors and disciplines to tackle policy challenges in the fields of climate change, green growth, and sustainable development. She has previously worked for the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGGI and World Bank), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the UN's International Trade Centre.

She is a Canadian citizen and holds a Master's degree in International Economics from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.

### Moderator



**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.