

The role of fossil fuel subsidy reform (FFSR) and renewable energy investment for a green recovery:

**Building capacities for fossil fuel to renewable energy (FFRE) transition
Side event at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties 2021 (COP26)**

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Speakers and Moderator Biography



Mr. Chun Kyoo Park
Head
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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."



Mr. Michael Williamson
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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.



Mr. Brian O'Callaghan
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Brian O'Callaghan (he/him/his) advises governments and businesses on accelerating economic growth while combating environmental threats, especially climate change.

Brian is Lead of the Oxford University Economic Recovery Project, Research Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, and Consultant on Energy and the Environment at the Robertson Foundation. Brian is completing his DPhil (PhD) as a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, under Prof. Cameron Hepburn. Brian previously worked at the Boston Consulting Group with travel in Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. He holds degrees in Engineering (First Class Honours and the University Medal) and Commerce (Finance and International Business) from the University of Sydney.

For governments, Brian's research considers the economic characteristics of green investment opportunities, particularly in times of economic downturn (e.g., COVID-19), but also during 'peace-time'. His supplementary research interests include the economics of green hydrogen and methods for reducing perceived risk in renewable energy finance.

For businesses, Brian's work considers how to win during the climate transitions in energy, industry, aviation, agriculture, and more.



Ms. Jiyoung Choi
Director of Green Climate Policy
Division
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Ms. Jiyoung Choi is a director of Green Climate Policy Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF). She is currently responsible for international cooperation regarding Korea's green policy in terms of finance as well as cooperation between the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the ministry.

Last year, she published a booklet explaining Korea's Green New Deal, a comprehensive green recovery policy package. With over 15 years of experience at the ministry, she has gained an expertise in international economic cooperation. She had also served as a commercial counselor in the Korean Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union to coordinate the economic cooperation between Korea and the EU.



Ms. Laura Isabel Lizano Ramon
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Laura studied Civil Engineering in the University of Costa Rica and got a Master Degree in Hydropower Development in the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, in Trondheim, Norway. She also carried out studies at the Central American Institute for Public Management (ICAP).

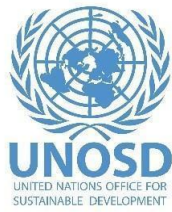
Since 2015, Laura has been the Director of the Secretariat of the Energy Planning Secretariat. This unit is in charge of developing energy policies, plans and programs, for the Minister of the Ministry of Environment and Energy and for coordinating actions within the Energy Sector. Developing the National Energy Plan and its monitoring are core activities for the Secretariat.

For 6 years she has been president of the National Energy Conservation Commission and National Coordinator for the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE). She is the Energy Director for the Central American Integration System (SICA) and member of the Steering Committee of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA).



Gabriel Prudencio is the Head of Sustainable Energies Division at the Chilean Ministry of Energy. From 2014 until joining the Ministry, he was the operations manager of Valhalla, a company that develops hydraulic pumping stations and photovoltaic plants in northern Chile. During 2012 and 2013 Gabriel worked at UGE International in New York participating in the development of wind and solar energy projects at the scale of distributed generation. Previously, he was part of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning as a member of the reconstruction committee following the 2010 earthquake as well as part of the Techo Foundation where he served in various general management positions. Prudencio Flaño earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from the Pontifical Catholic University of

<p>Mr. Gabriel Prudencio Flaño, Head of Sustainable Energies Division, Ministry of Energy, Chile</p>	<p>Chile and a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University.</p>
 <p>Ms. Jacqueline Cottrell Environmental and Fiscal policy consultant, Green Budget Europe</p>	<p>Jacqueline Cottrell is an environmental fiscal policy consultant specialising in green fiscal policy - green taxes and subsidy reform -, inclusive green economy and green budgeting.</p> <p>Since 2004, she has delivered policy and strategic advisory, human capacity development and research in low- and middle-income countries. She has collaborated with numerous international organizations, including GIZ, AFD, IISD and United Nations institutions (UNOSD, UNEP, UNESCAP, UNITAR and the ILO). Jacqueline is a freelance associate of the think tank Green Budget Germany.</p>
 <p>Dr. Jean D'Aragon Senior Sustainable Development Expert, UNOSD</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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. 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.</p> <p>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 programmes 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.</p>



	<p>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. Mr. D’Aragon also taught and lectured in different universities in Brazil, Portugal, France and in Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has received his doctoral degree.</p>
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