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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN TIMES OF COVID-19

Speakers Biography



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

Mr. Chun Kyoo Park is the Head of 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 the 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 the most recently the 4th UN Environment Assembly in 2019 in his capacity as the head of Korean delegation. He worked closely with UN organizations to support program 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 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. Myung Rae Cho
Minister
Ministry of Environment, the
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H.E. Mr. Myung Rae Cho is the Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Korea. He was the former President of the Korea Environment Institute and also served as the President of the National Committee on Sustainable Development of Seoul.

H.E. Mr. Myung Rae Cho received B.A. in Regional Development at Dankook University, the Republic of Korea and earned Master's in Environmental Planning at the Seoul National University Graduate School of Environmental Studies. He also earned Masters and PhD in Urban Planning at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.



H.E. Mr. Nam Choon Park
Mayor
Incheon Metropolitan City, the
Republic of Korea

H. E. Mr. Nam Choon Park is the Mayor of the Incheon Metropolitan City. He was the former Chairman of the Democratic Party of Incheon Division of the Republic of Korea and served as the Member of the 19th and 20th National Assembly in the Republic of Korea.

He was also appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee for the Democratic Party and took several positions at the Presidential Office as the Senior Presidential Secretary for Personnel Management, the Presidential Secretary for Personnel Affairs, and the Chief Officer for State Affairs.

H.E. Mr. Nam Choon Park received B.A. in Public Administration at the Korea University, the Republic of Korea and M.Sc in International Transport at the University of Wales, the United Kingdom.



Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi
Secretary General
United Cities and Local
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Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi is the Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) since 2007. He has been the Chairperson of the Cities Alliance Interim Management Board till April 2016. He is also Co-Chair of World Cities Scientific Development Alliance-WCSDA, and Deputy Secretary General of the China-Africa forum of local governments. Mr. Elong Mbassi is the man behind the Africities Summit, the largest event of cities, regions and local communities in Africa, where he oversees the organization since the first edition in 1998.

Mr. Elong Mbassi has a rich experience of nearly 40 years in the field of urban development and planning, urban services, local economic development, local governance, housing and of slum upgrading. From 1996 to 1999 he was the first Secretary General of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination-WACLAC at the same time he held the position of Secretary General of the Municipal Development Partnership, MDP from 1992 to 2006. Previously, from 1981 to 1991, Mr. Elong Mbassi was the director of the first urban project financed by the World Bank in Cameroon and which focused on the restructuring and development of a slums area of 300,000 inhabitants in the city Douala. Mr. Elong Mbassi began his career in Paris, France where he was responsible for research and project manager at the Agency of Cooperation and Planning ('Agence Coopération et Aménagement) from 1973 to 1980.



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.



Mr. Amson Sibanda
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Mr. Amson Sibanda is Chief of NSCBB for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA. He has over 15 years of progressively responsible experience in a broad range of sustainable development issues at the global, regional and national levels, including the various intergovernmental processes that underpin this work. Mr. Sibanda holds a Doctorate and an M.A. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, an MSc in Population Studies and B.A. in Geography (Honors) from the University of Zimbabwe



Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General
United Cities and Local
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(UCLG-ASPAC)

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 UN HABITAT. 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 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.



Ms. Caroline Lombardo
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Ms. Caroline Lombardo serves as Chief of the International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch in the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. She leads the UN teams that provide tax policy and capacity building support, on tax and domestic resource mobilization, and that provide the secretariats to the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters and to the Development Cooperation Forum.

Ms. Lombardo previously served in the Strategic Planning Unit of UNDESA and had an earlier UN tour in the policy planning unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. She did her post-doctoral fellowship at Yale University, where she helped design and launch the Program in Grand Strategy and its multidisciplinary graduate course addressing large-scale, long-term strategic challenges of statecraft, politics and social change. Ms. Lombardo was a British Marshall Scholar and holds a DPhil and MPhil in International History and Politics from the University of Oxford and Bachelor's degree in Ethics, Politics & Economics from Yale University.



Mr. Daniel Platz
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Mr. Daniel Platz works in the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, where he currently coordinates technical assistance and capacity development work on infrastructure asset management for local and national governments. He has over 20 years of experience with UN intergovernmental processes, research and analytics and technical assistance in support of the implementation of the UN Development Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals. He has published widely in the area of development finance, municipal finance and infrastructure finance.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and an M.A. in Global Political economy and Finance from The New School University. Daniel also received Bachelor degrees in Political Science and Economics from Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany.



Ms. Riina Jussila
Sustainable Development Expert
UN Department of Economic and
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Riina Jussila joined the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in 2012. She was part of the small, core Secretariat team supporting the intergovernmental negotiations on the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In addition to supporting intergovernmental negotiations, Riina has worked on a range of topics such as monitoring and review of SDG implementation, capacity building, stakeholder engagement and partnerships. Prior to joining the UN Secretariat, Riina worked for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

At the Ministry, she supported the national preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20, and the work of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability. Before her career in sustainable development, Riina worked for several years as a journalist.

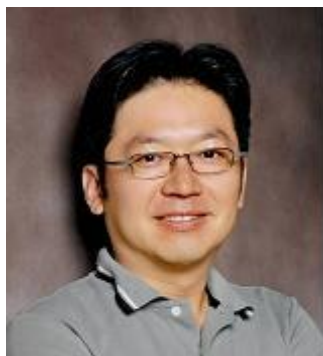


Ms. Jorgelina Hardoy
Coordinator and Senior Researcher
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Jorgelina Hardoy, trained as a geographer, is coordinator and senior researcher at IIED – América Latina, based in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Her work focuses in the Latin America region, developing multi-stakeholder processes to address environmental conditions, reduce disaster risks and improve climate resilience and adaptation capacities.

She works with local communities and local governments contributing to develop more integrated and transformative urban agendas.



Mr. Sangyoung Park
Water Resources Management
Specialist
Korea Water Resources
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Dr. Park is an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and water diplomacy specialist. He has worked for K-water (Korea Water Resources Corporation) since 2004 after receiving a PhD. on Urban Engineering from ChungBuk National University, Republic of Korea.

He worked for Asia Development Bank (ADB) Indonesian Residence Mission as a Water Resource and Project Management Specialist on the technical assistant projects: Enhanced Water Security Investment Project and Flood Risk Management for Selected River Basins Project in Indonesia. He also served as a team leader and GIS/non-point source specialist of ADB TA for Decision Support System Development for Indonesian Citarum River Basin.

He served at Korea Water Forum (KWF) for 4 years (2011- 2015) as an Executive Director and involved more than 100 advocacy activities and policy dialogues, which includes 3 successive World Water Forums: 2012 Marceau France, 2015 Daegu/Gyeongbuk, and 2018 Brasilia/Brazil. As a principal researcher of K-water, he participated in various national and international projects in the field of integrated water resources management, water quality preservation, and smart water management.

Currently, he is working at Korea-Mekong Water Resources Management Collaboration Research Center (KMRC) which was founded to promote the mutual collaboration among Republic of Korea and Mekong region states on water resource management field. He is leading the Smart Water Management (SWM) application in the on-going K-City Network Project supported by Korean Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation



Mr. Jean D'Aragnon
Senior Sustainable Development
Expert
United Nations Office for
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Mr. Jean D'Aragnon 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. He worked at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya and the UN DESA United Nations Centre for Regional Development in Nagoya, Japan on climate change, natural disaster risk and vulnerability reduction, urban planning and governance.

Jean 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.

Prior to joining the UN, Jean worked as the Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC - Canada), leading research on interlinkages between urban poverty reduction, livelihood and food security, 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 Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has earned his Ph.D.