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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE CLIMATE CRISIS, AND A GREEN RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

Speakers Biography

 <p>Mr. Marco Martuzzi Head Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment and Health of the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific</p>	<p>Marco Martuzzi is the Head of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment and Health of the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific. He is an epidemiologist with experience in environmental and occupational studies. He previously worked at the Italian Institute of Health, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Imperial College School of Medicine (UK), the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer (France), and at the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, in Bonn, Germany. He obtained a PhD in community medicine from the University of London, in 1996.</p> <p>His current work is concerned with the impacts of climate change and environmental risk factors on health and health equity, with a view to addressing the pressing challenges of the Anthropocene, such as climate and ecosystems breakdown.</p>
 <p>Honorable Noel E. Rosal Mayor Legazpi City, Philippines</p>	<p>Honorable Noel E. Rosal is a multi-awarded Mayor of Legazpi, a visionary leader and the Architect of Modern Legazpi. Started his career in politics as Barangay Chairman of Barangay Gogon, Legazpi City and was elected and served as City Councilor for two (2) terms. He won as Mayor in 2001 and completed three (3) consecutive terms, equivalent to nine years, as Chief Executive. He then, run for re-election as Mayor for another term and won with no opponent in 2013. His third term completing the nine years will end in 2022.</p> <p>Mayor Rosal is a strong advocate of good governance and transparency, private-public partnerships and people’s participation which consistently brought Legazpi City to a higher level of social development and economic prosperity as well as wider horizons of opportunities. Being exposed to natural calamities like typhoon, earthquake and volcanic eruption, Legazpi City become an advocate of resiliency in coping with the effects brought by the disasters that occur in the locality. He is frequently invited as Resource Speaker on Disaster Risk Management to share Legazpi City’s best practices for being disaster resilient. At present, he is the also the Resource Speaker to all local government units in the preparation of their Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan.</p>



Ms. Soojeong Myeong
Senior Research Fellow
Korea Environment Institute (KEI)

Soojeong Myeong is a Chief Senior Research Fellow working at the Korea Environment Institute (KEI) which develops environment related policies. She also serves as the co-chair of APN SPG (Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research, Scientific Planning Group). She was one of the lead authors of the IPCC special report on extreme events and adaptation (SREX) and the recent special report on land (SRCCL). She is currently the review editor for IPCC 6th Assessment report. She is also a member of the International Standard Organization (ISO)'s climate change adaptation standard group.

She received her Ph. D. in Environmental and Resource Engineering from State University of New York, U.S. Her doctoral research was on estimating carbon storage in urban forests and its change over time. She once worked at the United States Forest Service (USFS) for urban forest research.



Ms. Taeko Yokota
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Ms. Taeko Yokota is the Programme Expert on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Water at the United Nations Center for Regional Development based in Tokyo, Japan. Her specialization is in the issues of Disaster Risk Reduction and water issues. She received her Master's Degree in Social Science at Waseda University.

Prior to joining UNCRD, she was a Programme Management Officer at the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water/CEB Secretariat and also was a Programme Officer at the Global Water Operator's' Partnership Alliance/UN Habitat.



Mr. Jean D'Aragon
Officer-in-charge

United Nations Office for
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Mr. Jean D'Aragon 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 the 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 in Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has earned his Ph.D.