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DELIVERING BASIC SERVICES TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND – CLOSING THE WASH GAP

Speakers Biography

| Mr. Carlos Carrion-Crespo | Carlos Carrión-Crespo is the specialist for public services and utilities in the Sectoral Policies Department of the ILO since 2008. An attorney since 1999, he also holds a Ph.D. in History. He has published several journal articles on labour relations law and history, cited in law decisions and history books. During his time in the ILO, he has actively promoted the recognition of the links between the Sustainable Development Goals on decent work (no. 8) and on access to water and sanitation (no. 6).
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<td>Officer-in-Charge, Global Water Operators' Partnerships' Alliance (GWOPA), UN-Habitat</td>
<td>In 2016, he coordinated the campaign for World Water Day and World Toilet Day dedicated to Jobs and is the author or coordinator of several promotional tools on labour relations in the public service, including local government.</td>
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Ms. Julie Perkins

Julie Perkins is the Officer in Charge of the Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance of UN-Habitat. An urban planner by profession, she has worked internationally for nearly 20 years in water - on issues ranging from watershed management and ecological health, to water loss reduction, services in informal settlements and climate change adaptation.

At GWOPA she leads a network of local public water and sanitation utilities supporting one another to provide inclusive and sustainable water and sanitation access for all.
Ms. Sareen Malik
Executive Secretary
African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEW)

Sareen leads ANEW, the umbrella organisation of water and sanitation NGOs in Africa, present in over 50 countries. She currently holds the position of Vice Chair on the SWA Steering Committee. With over 15 years of experience in the field of water governance and restructuring WASH NGOs, she focuses on working with NGOs to meaningfully engage in the water and anti-corruption sector, mobilising voice around the call to action that good water governance is key to improved sector performance. Sareen, a lawyer by profession, has widely published and supported the development of sector governance tools for state and non-state actors.

Ms. Gertrude Rose Gamwera
Secretary-General
Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA)

Ms. Gertrude Rose Gamwera is the Secretary General of Uganda Local Governments Association, as well as the Ag Secretary General for the East Africa Local Governments Association. She is a professional graduate Lawyer with a graduate of the Executive MBA from MAASTRICHT/ ESAMI awarded by Eastern and Southern Management Institute of Arusha, Tanzania.

As Secretary General, Ms. Gertrude Rose Gamwera has been able to steer and make a number of contributions that profile the Associations. At country level in Uganda, some of the key notable interventions include serving and represent ULGA on various Working Group and Steering Committees on Decentralization and Public Service Coordination projects, programmes and related initiatives like the Decentralization Technical Working Group, Public Sector Management Working Group, Local Government Sector Working Group and the Uganda Local Governments negotiations and Advocacy Team that represents Local Governments in the Constitutionally mandated Annual Sector Negotiations that start off the National Budget Cycle.

Ms. Gertrude Rose Gamwera boasts of over Twenty (22) years working experience in the area of Local Governance and the Public Sector Management space and in this time, she has served her constituency on a number of Committees and Boards at Local, Regional and International level.

Mr. Andrés Hueso
Senior Policy Analyst
Sanitations, WaterAid

Andrés Hueso provides strategic leadership to WaterAid’s global sanitation research and advocacy agenda. He is a cross-disciplinary expert, combining an engineering background with several years as a development scholar, having conducted research in different countries in South America, Africa and South Asia.

He has been working in the sanitation sector since 2009, joining WaterAid in 2014. In his PhD he analysed the Indian sanitation policy using a framework that integrated sustainability and political economy concepts and included intensive field research on four Community-Led Total Sanitation inspired experiences. Current areas of interest include: rural sanitation approaches, gender and sanitation, sanitation workers, sustainability of large sanitation systems.
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.