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IMPACT INVESTMENT IN CITIES – INNOVATIONS TO FINANCE THE SDGS LOCALLY

Speakers Biography

 <p>Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi Secretary General United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 Physic from Nagoya University, Japan and in Public Policy from National University of Singapore.</p> <p>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.</p>
 <p>Hon. Mr. Jai Prakash Mayor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation</p>	<p>Mr. Jai Prakash got unanimously elected as Mayor of North Delhi Municipal Corporation and is serving the Corporation since June 24, 2020. North Delhi Municipal Corporation is one of the biggest Civic agencies of Delhi. Mr. Jai Prakash graduated from Delhi University. He took over as Mayor during the most difficult time, with COVID-19 spread was rampant, he handled the situation effectively by directing all departments to optimally use their resources to fight COVID-19 pandemic and its management, which was his top priority.</p> <p>Honourable Mr. Prakash served as the chairman of the Standing Committee of the North Delhi Municipal Corporation. He held many positions and served Bhartiya Janta Party as the Vice-president of its youth wing, Later as Secretary General of the BJP Delhi Unit, etc. which is one of the largest Party in Delhi. During his brief tenure, he developed synergy between different agencies to fight corona pandemic and effectively converged resources for this purpose. He is an active leader who attaches priority to generate more revenue for the North Delhi Municipal Corporation with a view to deliver services and implement various schemes. He is a visionary leader and believe in positivity.</p>



Mr. Sudhir Bhatnagar
CEO
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Mr. Sudhir Bhatnagar, CEO cum General Secretary of the Board of Directors of SARD. During his tenure, SARD has scaled new heights and has been able to mobilize support from multiple agencies including some renowned Institutional support organisations, Business Houses, etc.

He is a recipient of several prestigious awards for his immense contributions in the field of Education & ICT, Health & Nutrition, Child Protection, Water & Sanitation and Microfinance such as UNITAR, AmeriCare, MASHAV, Diwan Mehta Award and Chief-Minister Award (Haryana). Recently the first prize to promote the new media technology at primary level by CIET, NCERT, MHRD, GOI.



Mr. Raymond Saner
Titular Professor
University of Basel

Raymond Saner is Titular Professor at Basle University (Economics Department) and has been teaching at Sciences Po, Paris (Public Policy) and at Lüneburg University (Environmental Negotiations). His research projects focus on sustainable development, international relations, trade and public administration. He is co-founder of CSEND, a Geneva based NGRDO (nongovernmental research and development organization, 1993-present) accredited by ECOSOC with consultative status and expert working for international organizations, national governments and CSO organisations.

Raymond Saner is a reviewer of management journals and author of books and journal articles and serves as officer in professional organizations such as the Academy of Management (Board member of ODC division (2002-2004), Chair of Advisory Council of AoM to Board of Governors (2000-2002), is representative to the UN in Geneva for the International Association of Applied Psychology and has been a long time member of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS).

He participates in the United National Task Force on Solidarity and Social Economy (UNTFSSSE), is member of the bureau of UNECE's PPP unit, works for UNDESA on projects relating to the 2030 Agenda and the 17 SDGs (<http://www.csend.org/publications/agenda-2030>) and is a scholar in the field of international negotiations and conflict resolutions.



Mr. Jean D'Aragnon
Officer-in-charge

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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 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.