

Side Event at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties 2021 (COP26) on Green Deals to Accelerate Ecosystem Restoration, Climate Action and Sustainable Development Goals Implementation

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Speakers and Moderator Biography



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

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."



Yun Sun-Jin
Co-Chairperson of 2050 Carbon
Neutrality Commission of Republic
of Korea
Professor, Graduate School of
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On May 2021, Prof. YUN Sun-Jin was appointed as the Co-Chairperson of 2050 Carbon Neutrality Commission of Republic of Korea.

2050 Carbon Neutrality Commission of Republic of Korea was established in May 2021, as Republic of Korea announced 2050 Carbon Neutrality goal in late 2020, to propose Korea's '2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenario' and '2030 Nationally Determined Contributions(NDC)', and to collect opinions from diverse parties of interest(e.g. - industries, civil societies, labor, etc.) by providing forum for discussions periodically.

Prof. Yun earned her Ph.D. at University of Delaware, major in Environmental and Energy Policy, and has dedicated most of her career to promoting sustainable development and addressing environmental issues through vigorous research, lecturing, social activities.

Before assuming the role of Co-Chairperson of 2050 Carbon Neutrality Commission, Prof. Yun previously served in various positions at Government's Committees, including Ex-Chairperson of Sustainable Development Committee, Ex-Chairperson of Korea Energy Information Culture Agency, etc.






Dr. Jong Soo Yoon
Chair of IUCN
Korea

Jong Soo Yoon is a Senior Advisor at Kim & Chang and specializes in environmental issues such as air pollution, climate change, waste management, and recycling, water and sanitation, chemicals, soil contamination, and environmental conflict issues.

Mr. Yoon served in the Korean government for three decades, mostly in the Ministry of Environment (MOE), and later spent five years heading the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), which seeks to support developing countries in implementing sustainable development agenda.

He has in-depth knowledge and extensive experience in environmental issues and the sustainable development field by having worked at the MOE in positions such as Vice Minister, Deputy Minister, Director General of Climate Change and Air Quality Bureau, Director General of Resource Circulation Bureau, Director General of Water and Sanitation Bureau, and Legal Affairs Officer. Currently, he is serving as the president of International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Korea.

He received the Order of Service Merit (Red Stripes), Commendation from the President of the Republic of Korea, and Commendation from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea for his outstanding contribution to environmental issues during his tenure at the MOE.

	<p>He attended and chaired many international meetings such as climate change conferences, water and sanitation workshops and waste management meetings as the head of delegation of the Korean government as well as the representative of UNOSD over the past 35 years. Mr. Yoon received a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering.</p>
 <p>Mr. Tim Christopherson Head Nature for Climate Branch, UNEP (online)</p>	<p>Tim Christophersen leads the 'Nature for Climate' Branch of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), and is the focal point for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030: www.decadeonrestoration.org.</p> <p>He holds a degree in Forestry and Forest Conservation Engineering from Dresden University of Technology. He previously worked for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), where he led the portfolio on the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity.</p> <p>From 2002-2007 he was Regional Programme Coordinate for Europe, the Caucasus and the Commonwealth of Independent States at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). He also worked for the Danish Ministry of the Environment, and for the European Commission.</p>
 <p>Mr. Il Young Oh IUCN-Republic of Korea Senior Government Manager IUCN</p>	<p>Mr. Il Young OH works as the IUCN-Republic of Korea Senior Government Manager at IUCN. He has spent over 20 years working at the Ministry of the Environment. Prior to joining IUCN, he was Director of the Department for Climate Change Strategy and worked in the Presidential Office where he coordinated work related to climate change, the green new deal and nature conservation. Other postings have included working as Environmental Secretary at the Korean Embassy in Bonn between 2012-2015 where was the focal point for UNFCCC, IPBES and UNCCD.</p>
 <p>Ms. Karin Zaunberger European Commission, Directorate General for Environment</p>	<p>Ms. Karin Zaunberger is a biologist who has been working for more than 10 years in the Environment Department of the European Commission, which she has joined after 5 years in the European Parliament and 10 years in the Research Department following projects addressing climate change adaptation and biodiversity. She is following EU's Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 as well as both CBD and UNFCCC issues with a focus on the biodiversity climate change nexus and the promotion of nature-based solutions delivering multiple benefits.</p>



Ms. Bernadette Fischler Hooper
Head of International Advocacy,
World Wildlife Fund UK

Bernadette Fischler Hooper, Head of International Advocacy and COP26 Advocacy Lead.

Bernadette has been contributing to UN processes for more than a decade working for CAFOD, WAGGGS and Jewish Educational Centre in Vienna. She holds several post-graduate degrees, including on international development and public affairs. Bernadette is originally from Austria and has lived in Portugal, Canada, Spain, and Argentina before coming to the UK.



Dr. Sarwat Chowdhury
Head of Inclusive Green Economy
& Policy, UNDP Papua New
Guinea

Dr. Sarwat Chowdhury is the head of the Inclusive Green Economy and Policy at UNDP Papua New Guinea. She provides policy and programme advice on thematic areas of Inclusive Growth, COVID-19 Green Recovery, Green Commodities, and Natural Resource Management, supporting the 2030 Agenda, esp. in the SIDS context. She is a development professional with 20 years of programme management experience in sustainable development-related areas, including intergovernmental engagement on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction & Recovery, Sustainable Energy, Water Quality & Water Management, Forestry, Gender, and Technology matters. Sarwat has multiple international peer-reviewed publications and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Environmental Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park, USA. She has previously worked with the World Bank, DfID, and international NGOs, e.g., Greenpeace, Grameen Bank, Save the Children, Bread for the World, and the World Federalist Association across four continents.



Ms. Yujeong Kim
Senior Development Management
Expert
United Nations Office for
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Ms. Yujeong Kim is the Senior Development Management Expert at the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD). She contributes towards the capacity building of Member States for achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through organizing capacity building events, developing training material, undertaking policy research studies, and building partnerships with various organizations.

Prior to joining the UNOSD, Ms. Kim worked as a Senior Specialist at the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, where she led policy design and implementation on air quality, environmental health, water and climate change. She also served for the President's Office and the Office for Government Policy Coordination to develop and promote green growth policies. Ms. Kim holds a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science in Earth System Sciences from Seoul National University.