

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention**

Climate Change Education, Training and International Cooperation on these matters

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**Amena Yauvoli**

Amena Yauvoli is Interim Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Development Forum, PIDF. He will serve as Chair of SBI 42 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention. Yauvoli began his career as an economist in 1988, with the Ministry of Finance and National Planning. Yauvoli was subsequently promoted to Chief Economist in 1997 before serving as Deputy Permanent Representative in the Fiji Mission to the United Nations in New York from 2000 to 2003. Additionally, he was appointed as Permanent Secretary of Commerce, Industry, Investment and Communication in March 2007. In 2008, Yauvoli left the service to take up the position of Director – Secretariat of the Pacific Community North Pacific Regional Office in the Federated States of Micronesia where he served until his appointment as Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



**Christiana Figueres**

Christiana Figueres was appointed as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by UN Secretary – General Ban Ki-moon in 2010, and was reappointed for a second three-year term in July 2013. Figueres has been involved in climate change negotiations since 1995. Initially a member of the Costa Rican negotiating team, she was also a member of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism and Vice President of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties in 2008-2009. In 1995 she founded the Centre for Sustainable Development of the Americas (CSDA), a non-profit think tank for climate change policy and capacity-building, which she directed until 2003. Before that, she served as Director of the Technical Secretariat, Renewable Energy in the Americas (REIA).

## **Nick Nuttall**



Nick Nuttall is Coordinator of the Communications and Outreach Programme of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, Bonn in Germany. He is Head of Communication and spokesperson of the secretariat, previously working as Spokesperson for the United Nations Environment Programme. Previously, he was working as an Environment and Technology Correspondent for selected British media, such as The Times and the Daily Telegraph. In January 2014, he joined UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. He is responsible for supporting the press and communications of Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres and across the Framework Convention's operations. He is supporting UNFCCC and governments in securing a new universal climate agreement at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.



## **Katarzyna Snyder**

Katarzyna Snyder is a climate change and human rights expert with governmental and non-governmental experience. She has served as Head of the Polish Negotiating Team to UNFCCC (COP18, COP 19, COP 20) and as Head of the COP 19 Presidency Expert Team. Katarzyna Snyder was also appointed to be Co-Chair of the EU Expert Group on Means of Implementation (2012-14). Additionally, she was adviser to the Polish Special Envoy for Climate Change at COP 14 and Chief Expert at the Climate Policy Unit of the Department of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment of Poland.



## **Kartikeya V Sarabhai**

Kartikeya V Sarabhai is Founder Director of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Centre of Excellence for Environmental Education of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India. He is the Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development and the Human Habitat established at CEE in collaboration with CEPT University. He was a member of the UNESCO Reference Group for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD). Sarabhai took up the leadership to organize the UNESCO 4th International Conference on Environmental Education (Tbilisi+30) in India in 2007 that led to discussions on efforts of environmental education in strengthening ESD. He is the Co-chair of the Working Group at the Brookings Institution in developing indicators and measures for Global Citizenship Education. He is also the Co-chair of the Earth Charter International Council.



### **George Marshall**

George Marshall has over 25 years' experience in environmental communications and advocacy. He is the co-founder of the Oxford based Climate Outreach and Information Network, a non-profit specialist in building climate change communications around the identity and core values of challenging target audiences. George is a leading European expert in this field and has led academic, government and campaign trainings around the world. He is the author of two books, 'Carbon Detox' (1996) and the acclaimed 'Don't Even Think About It: Why Our Brains Are Wired to Ignore Climate Change' (2014) which was described by The Guardian as "the most important book published on climate change in the past few years".



### **Alexander Leicht**

Alexander Leicht is Chief of the Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO in Paris. Before joining UNESCO in 2011, he was Head of the German Secretariat for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development at the German Commission for UNESCO in Bonn since 2004, where he also led the organizing team for the preparations of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in 2009. He holds a PhD in American Studies from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. As Chief of the Section of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) at UNESCO, his current priorities include coordinating the follow-up to the UNESCO World Conference on ESD in 2014, where the Global Action Programme on ESD was launched as the successor framework to the UN Decade of ESD.



### **Leslie Tourneville**

Leslie Tourneville is a freelance policy analyst consultant, specialised in sustainability foresight and corporate social responsibility. She holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs and Sustainability Policies at the University of SciencesPo, Paris. Her area of concentration concerns emerging new technologies of CO2 absorption and sequestration. Her other areas of interest are security and conflict transformation studies, as well as "social-in-and-out of energy transition scenarios". She is currently the Community and Skills Management Director of the youth-led think-and-do tank CliMates. As such, among other missions, she facilitated a workshop on new technologies at the second CliMates' International Summit with Prof. Truman Semans and Ms Laura Florèz, as well as several trainings for CliMates' members.



### **Ashley Allen**

Ashley Allen is a Foreign Affairs Officer for the U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Change. Ashley coordinates the Department's Low Emission Development Strategies initiative and leads strategic outreach efforts on climate change. Prior to joining State Department, Ashley served as the Deputy Associate Director for Public Engagement at the White House Council on Environmental Quality where she supported the roll out of President Obama's Climate Action Plan. She also served previously as the Acting Division Chief for the Global Climate Change office at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Ashley holds a Master of Public Affairs in International Environmental Policy from Indiana University and a B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois.



### **Chebet Maikut**

Chebet Maikut is currently Head of the Climate Change Department, Ministry of Water and Environment and UNFCCC National Focal Point for Uganda, and has a wealth of rich experiences having served in different capacities in public, private sector and civil society organizations. He has been active in climate change negotiations since 2009 as part of the Uganda Delegation. He has served as Member of Parliament in the Parliament of Uganda, Member of Constituent Assembly that made Uganda's post-independence Constitution, and Member of DuPont's Biotechnology Advisory Panel. He has also served as Member of Interim Panel of Imminent Experts to the Global Crop Diversity Trust, Vice President, East African Farmers Federation and President, Uganda National Farmers Federation as well as in several committees, boards, task forces, and international organizations in a variety of capacities over the years.



### **Omar Bolivar Ramirez Tejada**

Omar Bolivar Ramirez Tejada is a biologist by profession, with a major in Planning and Land Management in Municipal and Natural Areas. He has held senior management positions in the field of environment and natural resources. He was elected Regidor of the "Distrito Nacional" and in his first year of municipal exercise, he was Vice President of the City Council of the "Distrito Nacional" and Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Environment, Parks and Green Areas of the same City Council. In August 2007, the President of the Republic, Dr. Leonel Fernandez appointed him Secretary of State for the Environment and Natural Resources and from September 2008 to date, Executive Vice President, with the rank of Secretary of State, of the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism and head of the Dominican delegation to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.



### **Albana Markja**

Albana Markja is an education specialist assigned as Head of Section for Education Policy in the Institute for Development of Education, Ministry of Education in Albania. She is responsible for the process of developing standards and programmes for in service teacher's training, trainers and school leaders at all levels of education. Albana has been constantly involved in many projects, developed and implemented in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental institutions such as UNICEF, UNESCO, World Vision, EU and Save the Children for example. While in Albania, she has been active in the field of environmental education, human rights education, conflict resolution and child friendly school among other initiatives. She has authored and co-author several teachers' manuals, as well as a series of articles published in national and international journals.



### **Moustapha Kamal Gueye**

Moustapha Kamal Gueye is Policy Specialist - Green Jobs, at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, working to promote positive employment outcomes of policies on climate change, green economy and sustainable development. Previously, he served as Head, Green Economy Advisory Services at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Senior Programme Manager-Environment at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva. Earlier, Gueye spent twelve years across Asia, managing policy research projects on renewable energy, financing, and sustainable development at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in Japan. He is a member of the World Economic Forum-ICTSD Expert Group on "Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System".



### **Stefan Hummelsheim**

Stefan Hummelsheim holds a degree in social sciences having specialized in economics of education, educational planning and educational evaluation. He worked as a research assistant at the Universities of Bielefeld and Rostock, for the independent expert commission "Financing Lifelong Learning" and for the German Institute for Adult Education in different national and international TVET projects. Subsequently, he was Project Manager in the field of International TVET for InWent. Since 2011, he has been working in the Sector Program "TVET" in the Competence Center "TVET and Labour Market" of the GIZ as an advisor to the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Since 2015, he is Head of the Sector Program "TVET" with professional experience as a short-term expert in the Europe, Middle East, Latin America, Asia and Africa. His main research interests are the economics of education, the financing of education and training, educational evaluation, and statistics. Stefan Hummelsheim has published several national and international publications on TVET with a special focus on TVET financing.



### **Mariana Alcalay**

Mariana Alcalay holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Brasilia University and a Human Rights Master's degree from the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratization (EIUC). Additionally, she completed a specialization course in Humanitarian Assistance and International Peacekeeping at the Austrian Study Center for International Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution. Alcalay has vast experience working with human rights as well as with education for UN agencies and international organizations in Brazil, Ivory Coast and Venezuela, such as: UNESCO, UNITAR, ONUCI, PAHO/OMS and RITLA. Currently, she is working as Project Officer of the Education Sector at UNESCO Brazil as responsible for Education in Climate Change and Sustainable Development projects.



### **Ziaul Haque**

Ziaul Haque has been working for the Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forests of Bangladesh in different capacities since 1996, and currently works as Deputy Director (Environmental Law and International Conventions). He has been involved in the preparation of different National Policies, Strategies, Action Plans, Guidelines as well as Acts & Rules related to environment and climate change. Being one of the core members, he has been dealing with climate change activities at national and international level. He has been participating in UNFCCC meetings including COPs and SBs since 2006, and is currently acting as one of the Coordinators of the LDC Group.



### **Bjørn Bedsted**

Bjørn Bedsted is Head of DBT International and in charge of international relations at the Danish Board of Technology Foundation; a non-profit private foundation working with a common-good aim, committed to technology assessment, foresight, knowledge-based decision-making, parliamentary advisory activities on science, technology and innovation, collaborative democracy and methodological research. Bedsted has many years of experience with the development and practice of citizen participation, both at the national, European, and Global level. He is also the Global Coordinator of the World Wide Views citizen consultations since 2009. In 2009, he coordinated World Wide Views on Global Warming, the first-ever global citizen consultation.



### **Maria Vuorelma**

Maria Vuorelma is an environmental economist, focusing on climate change. She works as a senior officer at the Ministry of the Environment of Finland, following the international climate negotiations. She is also the focal point for Article 6 of the Convention in Finland. Vuorelma has previously worked for the Nordic Council of Ministers as the coordinator of the Working Group on Environment and Economy. She has also done research at a consulting company focusing on climate change and promoted renewable energy in East Africa as a member of a start-up team. Vuorelma is an experienced workshop facilitator and an inspiring lecturer. Vuorelma has lectured in Economics at the University of Helsinki. In addition to her professional competencies, she is also a skiing and swimming instructor.



### **Adriana Valenzuela**

Adriana Valenzuela is an Associate Programme Officer within the UNFCCC secretariat in Bonn in the Communications and Outreach Programme. She works on issues related to education, training and public awareness, also known as Article 6 of the Convention. She has previously been involved in climate change and education for sustainable development issues, and has worked with United Nations, the government of Colombia, the local authority of Bogota, and civil society organizations. Her experience also extends to enhancing youth participation in climate change action. Valenzuela has undertaken studies in social communication, sustainable development and climate change.



### **Cristina Colón**

Cristina Colón is currently part of the UNICEF Climate and Environment team at UNICEF Headquarters in NY where she works on strengthening UNICEF's overall engagement on climate change and environment matters through policy and programming at the global and local level to ensure that children's rights, their health and well-being are not undermined. She is also closely involved with looking at opportunities to leverage climate financing to achieve improved results for children. Colón has been working at the UN for over 10 years. Prior to working at UNICEF, she was at UNDP where she managed the Climate Policy Team in the Environment and Energy Group in New York, was Global Coordinator of the Boots on the Ground Programme and was very much involved in climate finance readiness support to countries. She has also held the positions of Senior Programme Officer at the United Nations Democracy Fund and Portfolio Manager at the United Nations Office for Project Services responsible for projects under the Montreal Protocol.



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Angus Mackay is Manager of the Climate Change Programme at United Nations Institute for Training & Research - UNITAR. As countries continue to build human and institutional capacities to overcome critical environmental challenges and to promote low carbon growth, UNITAR offers unique solutions based on its experience in assessing learning needs, designing tailored learning approaches, and using the latest in instructional design techniques. Mackay was previously working for the UK Department for International Development and the World Bank.