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Mr. Hussein Abaza
Egypt

Dr. Hussein Abaza is currently the Senior Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Environment as well as the Advisor to the Minister of Planning, Follow-up and Administrative Reform.

Prior to holding these positions, he has worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) from 1982 up to 2009. During his tenure with UNEP he was responsible for formulating and overseeing the implementation of the UNEP Economics and Trade Programme, led the team which conceptualized and launched the UNEP Green Economy initiative in October 2008, and functioned as the Special Assistant to the Executive Director of UNEP.

He founded the Centre for Sustainable Development Solutions (CSDS) in 2011 with the main objectives of promoting green economy and sustainable development, with particular focus on Egypt and the Middle East.



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Ms. Niranjali Amerasinghe
World Resources Institute

Niranjali ("Nira") is a Senior Associate in the Sustainable Finance Center.

She is an international environmental lawyer with expertise in climate change, human rights, forest governance, and coal finance.

Niranjali leads WRI's international policy work related to the Green Climate Fund and climate finance architecture.

She also supports work to strengthen the capacity of national institutions to meet international standards and access finance, with an emphasis on ensuring that climate finance is used effectively and does not cause harm to people and the environment.



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Timothy Afful-Koomson
African Development Bank (AfDB).

Timothy Afful-Koomson is a Chief Climate Finance Officer with the African Development Bank (AfDB). He coordinates the AfDB initiatives for Green Finance and climate-resilient infrastructure development in Africa.

He is also the Coordinator for Green Climate Fund (GCF) activities in AfDB. Before joining the AfDB, Dr. Afful-Koomson served as a Senior Fellow at the United Nations University – Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA).

Prior to UNU-INRA, he spent over 15 years in the private sector working with companies such as Merrill Lynch and Navigant and has originated, structured, executed and managed sustainable investment transactions particularly in renewable energy and energy efficiency totalling over US\$ 50 billion.

Dr Afful-Koomson graduated from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University with a PhD in International Trade and Investments.



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Mr. Jose Andreu
Climate Investment Funds

Mr. Andreu joined the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) in April 2018 as a lead operations officer and deputy manager. He is a civil engineer with extensive experience in multi-donor global partnerships management, resource mobilization, infrastructure financing and development during a professional career of more than 20 years in both the private and the public sector.

Prior to joining the CIF, and for nine years, Mr. Andreu has been working in the World Bank Climate Change Group as program manager in the Climate Funds Management Unit leading the Results-Based Finance Team. In this position, he provided leadership and direction to results-based finance funds with a total capitalization of USD 500 million.

Previously, Mr. Andreu worked in the private sector focusing on infrastructure financing through public-private partnerships in Europe and North and South America.



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Ms. Preety Bhandari
Asian Development Bank

Preety M. Bhandari is currently the Director for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) at ADB, and also serving as Chief of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management thematic group. She is responsible for providing policy and strategic direction to ADB's climate change program and also leads the work on climate finance, with a particular focus on accessing finance from the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Prior to joining ADB, she was heading the Finance, Technology and Capacity Building Program of the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. She led the support to the international negotiations on climate finance, which culminated in the launch of GCF and the Standing Committee on Finance. She coordinated the establishment of the Technology Mechanism under the Convention, which includes the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

She has also worked as the Director of the Policy Analysis Division at TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) in India.

She has over 30 years of experience in environment, climate change and sustainable development, having worked on projects across Asia, and in multicultural and diverse organizations.

She is on the editorial board of Climate Policy and has in the past served as a member of the core group on climate change, established by the Government of India to assess India's strategy for the UN climate change negotiations.



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Ms. Diann Black-Layne is the director of the Department of the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda, and Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador for Climate Change

Ms. Diann Black-Layne
Antigua and Barbuda



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Mr. Georg Boersting
Norway, SCF Co-Chair



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Mr. Julien Chevillard
Trust Fund Administrator for the
Cambodia Climate Change Alliance

Julien Chevillard is currently the Trust Fund Administrator for the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance, a multi-donor programme funded by the European Union, Sweden and UNDP.

He is a development finance and climate finance specialist with over 15 years of experience advising Governments and UN agencies in Asia and Africa.

He was previously a UNDP adviser to the Ministry of Finance in Nepal (2010-12) and to the Prime Minister's Office in Madagascar (2009-10).



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Mr. Raekwon Chung
Incheon National University

H.E. Mr. Chung Professor is a Professor Emeritus at Incheon National University in Songdo. He is the former Climate Change Ambassador of Korea, Director for Environment and Development Division of UN ESCAP, Director-General for International Economic Affairs at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea.

Mr. Chung was involved in global climate debates since the drafting of UNFCCC from 1991 until the Paris Agreement on climate change in 2015, where he, among others, proposed the unilateral Clean Development Mechanism in 2000 at Hague and the NAMA Registry in 2009 at Copenhagen. He also proposed Green Growth since 2005 as a new paradigm of sustaining economic growth by investing in climate action.

Mr. Chung is now a member of the International Award Committee of Global Energy Prize established by President Putin of Russia in 2002.



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Ms. Gloria Coleman
Climate Policy Initiative

Ms. Coleman is a Manager on CPI’s Climate Finance team. Her primary role is leading analytical and business development support for the Lab’s portfolio of innovative climate finance instruments. As part of this work, she has supported the development of fundraising strategies, investor pitch decks, and partnerships for many Lab instruments, including CRAFT, the first ever adaptation and resilience private equity fund, which she supported as lead analyst in 2017. In addition, she has led the production and design of major Lab events, including the Lab’s first ever Innovation Summit at the margins of Climate Week in New York in 2017, as well as plenary programming and Innovation Forum at the BNEF Future of Energy Summits in New York since 2016.

Gloria also manages projects to support the creation of efficient and sustainable climate finance architecture, including with Rocky Mountain Institute on its Green Investment Banks initiative, which aims to increase the availability and ease of access to finance for low-carbon development in emerging countries.

Since 2005, Gloria has advised management teams of public and private corporations, non-profits, and government agencies in the Americas, Europe, and Middle East. She also worked in international development on projects for Boston Consulting Group, C40 Cities, and Whole Planet Foundation with a particular focus on innovative finance and public-private partnerships.



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Mr. Edgar Cruz Martinez
Colombia

Mr. Cruz is currently the Climate Finance Coordinator at the Colombian National Planning Department. He has over 15 years of professional experience and extensive knowledge on climate change mitigation, adaptation and climate finance.

Mr. Cruz is co-author of the Colombian Climate Finance Strategy, a document that sets the priorities to close the finance gap as a mean to achieve the country's Nationally Determined Contribution and the goals of the Colombian Climate Policy.

In fulfilling the role of the National Designated Authority for the Green Climate Fund, Mr. Cruz has led the identification and selection of the Colombian project portfolio to the Green Climate Fund.



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Ms. Tara Daniel
Women's Environment and Development
Organization (WEDO)

As Program Coordinator for the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), Ms. Daniel supports WEDO through working with the Women Delegates Fund, the Women Demand 'Gender Just' Climate Finance program, and the Women and Gender Constituency.

Her interdisciplinary background, including dual Master's degrees in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology (M.S.) and Public Policy (M.P.P.) from the University of Maryland, reflects her passion for integrating social and ecological justice.

Prior to WEDO, she has worked in conservation with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and IUCN, as well as in health policy and planning, including as a Global Health Corps fellow.



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Ms. Saliha Dobardzic
Adaptation Fund

Saliha Dobardzic is Senior Climate Change Specialist with the Adaptation Fund.

Prior to this position, she was a Senior Climate Change Specialist with the Global Environment Facility's climate change adaptation program, namely the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, where she was involved in strategic, technical, and policy aspects of the \$1.4 billion program portfolio.

Previously, Ms. Dobardzic worked on environmental, international waters, and integrated coastal zone management issues with the World Bank's MENA region.

She has also supported the World Bank's MENA climate change team in devising and implementing the first corporate climate change strategy for the region, and the Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction in support of mainstreaming climate change considerations in ex-ante disaster risk management.

Her experience also includes stints with the UN-Habitat in Nairobi, The Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center, and a number of prominent NGOs, in the private sector in the United States and abroad, as well as the World Bank's country office in post-conflict Bosnia, of which she is a national.



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Mr. Omar El-Arini
Egypt



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Mr. Zaheer Fakir is the Head of International Relations and Governance, Department of Environmental Affairs in South Africa.

Mr. Zaheer Fakir
South Africa, SCF member



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Ms. Tuul Galzagd
XacBank LLC, Mongolia

Tuul Galzagd, Director of the Eco Banking Department at XacBank, is a banking professional with over 16 years of experience with financial institutions in Mongolia. Previously Ms. Galzagd has served as the Chief Executive Officer at MTND LLC, the first privately held pension fund in Mongolia and as Director of Ulaanbaatar regional branches, the Banking Services Department for XacBank.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Tuul Galzagd has accrued a wealth of banking experience both internationally and at home in Mongolia. She joined XacBank in 2001 following its creation through the merger of two internationally funded microfinance projects: X.A.C. LLC, funded by UNDP, and Goviin Ekhlel LLC, funded by USAID.

Over the course of her career at XacBank, Ms. Tuul has overseen branches, developed banking policies, and helped to grow the organization from a small microloan enterprise to one of the largest banks in Mongolia.

Her background working with international partners, in addition to her role in creating of the first eco-focused loan packages in Mongolia and leading the accreditation process to become National Implementing Entity of the Green Climate Fund has equipped her to manage of a range of projects that harness both environmental standards and private sector actors to introduce energy-efficiency and clean energy to Ulaanbaatar.



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Joyceline Goco is currently a Senior Technical Adviser of the Climate Change Commission. She led the implementation of the Climate Budget Tagging in the Philippines in 2013-2015.

Ms. Goco has over a decade of experience in coordinating implementation of National Climate Change Programs and Projects and in the UNFCCC process.

She also contributed to the establishment of the People’s Survival Fund.

Ms. Joyceline Goco
Philippines



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Ms. Lorena Gonzalez
Independent Association of Latin
America and the Caribbean

Lorena B. González has dedicated over a decade working on climate change issues from diverse perspectives, from the work with Non-Governmental Organizations and international cooperation entities to the public service.

She was the lead negotiator for finance for the Mexican Government in the process that led to the adoption of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC.

Since 2016 she has been Advisor for Means of Implementation of the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean-AILAC in the process of negotiations of the Paris Agreement Work Program.

She holds a Masters Degree in International Relations from Macquarie University, in Sydney, Australia.

In addition to her daytime job, Lorena enjoys being invited lecturer at universities in Mexico and abroad and teaching courses related to environmental multilateral affairs, international negotiations and climate change.



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Mr. Arnault Graves
Union for Mediterranean

Arnault Graves is, since October 2017, the Climate Advisor of the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat.

He is a civil engineer of the French Ministry of an Ecological and Inclusive Transition.

He has 25 years of experience (including 14 years abroad), and has developed a strong expertise in several climate policy sectors.

In France, he worked in several regional services and a scientific and technical institute of the Ministry.

Abroad, he held several positions in economic service at the French Embassy, and was also a project manager in the private sector.

He has participated in multidisciplinary and international teams, including for programs funded by multilateral organizations.



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Juan Hoffmaister is an international climate policy specialist with the Green Climate Fund

Mr. Juan Hoffmaister
Green Climate Fund



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Mr. Mamadou Honadia
Burkina Faso

Mr. Honadia is the National Designated Authority of the Green Climate Fund – Prime Ministry and Member of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board and UNFCCC negotiator.

He has over 28 years' experience in planning on water resources management, forestry, and training of trainers of LDC junior negotiators on climate change. As Burkina Faso's Focal Point and as former Chair of the African Group, he has a wide range of experience on Climate Change issues in the UNFCCC negotiations and land degradation.

Mr. Honadia has been engaged in the UNFCCC processes with references as Adaptation Fund Vice-Chair and Chair, and currently as Alternate Board Member on GCF.



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Ms. Margaret Kim
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Margaret Kim is Head of Green Climate Fund (GCF) Liaison Unit, under Office of Director-General. She is responsible for GGGI's strategic partnership with the GCF, European Union and other donors. She supports GGGI's partner governments and stakeholders to build capacity to access climate financiers, especially the GCF, through designing and conceptualizing projects under the GCF's Readiness and Preparatory Programme and Project Preparation Facility.

Prior to this, Ms. Kim led the conceptualization and development of strategies related to GGGI's in-country program delivery as Head of Strategy and Integration, Green Growth Planning and Implementation. She conceptualized GGGI's Value Chain and the Service Offerings, GGGI NDC Alliance, engagement strategies with international partners, and various delivery strategies within the Division. In this role, she also ensured strong and proactive integration in developing and implementing of the country strategies in line with the corporate strategy and across the organization.

Prior to joining GGGI, she was a General Manager of Strategy and Business Development at a biotechnology company, overseeing partners in over 45 countries and developing markets such as China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. In this capacity, she led conceptualization of various business strategies, including pricing, marketing, product pipeline development and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). She holds public and private sector organization studies degree from Brown University (US).



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Ms. Mary Kim
Australia



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Mr. Sungwoo Kim
Kim & Chang

For last 25 years, Dr. Sungwoo, Head of Environment & Energy Research Institute, Kim & Chang, developed his career in business development and investment at POSCO (World Top 5 Steel Maker) as an energy investment manager and KPMG as a regional head of Climate Change and Sustainability of KPMG Asia Pacific to lead 12 countries and direct projects of investment/strategy/policy such as regulation framework, compliance strategy, investment advisory, corporate strategy, and social responsibility consulting.

He now leads the environment & energy research center at Kim & Chang, the biggest law firm in Korea, and is an adjunct professor of Korea University in Earth & Environmental Sciences as well as in executive MBA to reinforce the relationships with decision makers from the private sector.

Based on the comprehensive experience from engineering to financing as well as from theory to execution in this field, he was a focal member of the advisory board of Asia Clean Energy Fund, a member of the external advisory group for World Bank, a member of the Private Sector Advisory Committee of GGGI, a vice chairman of Korea, Mongolia Economics & Business Association, an external technical expert for the GCF, a member of the expert committee for the President of KOICA, and a Board member of the International Emission Trading Association. Now, he is a senior advisor for the Korean Governments and corporates.



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Ms. Liza Leclerc
International Fund for Agricultural
Development

Ms Liza Leclerc joined the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as the Lead Technical Specialist on Environment and Climate Finance in the Environment and Climate Division in November 2017.

She joined IFAD from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, in Germany, where she has been working as Team Leader. She led the political and technical work of the secretariat on the delivery of climate finance. Prior to this, she worked as a Senior Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Management Consultant for a number of International Financial Institutions and governments. She was also the Task Manager for the Adaptation Portfolio at UNEP in Kenya, and was the Acting Head of the Climate Change Unit at the Canadian International Development Agency and lead negotiator.

Ms. Leclerc holds a Master's Degree Business Administration from Warwick University and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Toronto and was recently a lead author of the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



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Mr. Benedict Libanda
Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Benedict Libanda has 13 years' experience working in the areas of development and climate finance, environmental fiscal reforms, and natural resource management.

He is the current and first Chief Executive Officer of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia.

Prior to that he worked for the United Nations Development Programme overseeing a portfolio that covers biodiversity conservation, climate change, and land degradation. He is highly competitive in the areas of green financing, natural resource economics, risk management, project securitization, project planning and development, and corporate financing.

He holds a Masters in Administration from the University of Leicester, Masters of International Development from the University of Free States.



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Mr. Ignacio Lorenzo Arana
Uruguay

Mr. Lorenzo Arana is the Director of Climate Change in the Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment of Uruguay and Chair of the Coordination Board of the National Climate Change Response System, where he coordinates the implementation of the National Climate Change Policy of Uruguay.

He acts as Alternate Board Member of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), representing the Latin America and Caribbean region, where he is also a member of the Private Sector Advisory Group of the GCF Board.

He also serves as Uruguay's Focal Point to the UNFCCC, National Designated Authority to the GCF and Designated Authority to the Adaptation Fund.



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Ms. Helen Magata
Tebtebba Foundation

Helen Magata is from an Indigenous Kadaclan from Paracelis, Mountain Province, Philippines.

She is the Communications Officer of Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy, Research and Education).

Tebtebba is an indigenous peoples' organization working with 18 other Indigenous People organizations in 13 countries from Africa, Latin America and Asia for the respect, protection and fulfillment of indigenous peoples' rights.

She coordinates the Indigenous Peoples' Global Advocacy Team on the Green Climate Fund and is an alternate active observer representing southern civil society organizations in the Green Climate Fund.



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Ms. Joanne Manda
UNDP Bangkok

At UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, Ms. Manda provides policy advice and technical assistance to countries in Asia Pacific to translate their climate strategies into national budgets and priority investments for implementation.

She worked for 12 years with UK DFID as a Livelihoods and Climate Change Advisor developing social protection, disaster management and climate change adaptation programmes in Africa and South Asia before joining UNDP in 2013.

Ms. Manda is passionate about helping countries strengthen their national systems to better access and manage domestic and international climate change finance.

She leads the team's regional capacity building initiatives which are strengthening systems for reporting on climate finance flows domestically and through UNFCCC mechanisms.

She holds an MSc in Environment and Development from the University of London.



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Mr. Olympus Manthata
Development Bank of South Africa

Olympus Manthata 's current role as Head of Climate Finance at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) includes the management of Climate Financing mechanisms that the DBSA is accredited to, such as the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Mr. Manthata has been the Fund Manager for the SA Green Fund that the DBSA manages on behalf of the Department of Environmental Affairs. Mr. Manthata has been instrumental in assisting the DBSA to obtain the GEF accreditation, as a first national agency to do so, and further contributed to the successful accreditation of the bank by the GCF.

He also contributed to the establishment and implementation of South Africa's National Green Fund, where he, as the Fund Manager for the National Green Fund, oversaw the commitment and disbursement of over ZAR1 billion worth of debt, grant and mezzanine financing into high impact investment projects which are realizing significant social, economic and environmental returns.

His 26 years' experience includes working as an Investment Professional within development finance arena, the technology innovation/commercialization space and various facets of the Engineering Environment as Business Development Manager, Engineering Manager and Commercial Manager.



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Mr. Benito Mueller
Oxford Climate Policy

Professor Müller is Managing Director of Oxford Climate Policy (a not-for-profit company aimed at capacity building for developing country climate change negotiators), and Director of the European Capacity Building Initiative (ecbi), an international initiative for sustained capacity building in support of international climate change negotiations.

He has been serving as Adviser to the LDC Group Chair (2011-12) and the Africa Group Chair (2012-13). He participated in the deliberations of the Transitional Committee (TC) for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as Adviser to the LDC TC members, who he has also been also advising on the GCF Board and the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance.

Professor Müller received his doctorate (D.Phil.) in Philosophy from the University of Oxford and was formerly a Research Fellow at Wolfson College and a Lecturer in Logic at the Queen's College, Oxford. He has a Diploma in Mathematics from the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) in Zürich, Switzerland.



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Ms. Bernarditas Mueller
Philippines, SCF Co-Chair



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Mr. Mohamed Nasr
Egypt, SCF member

Mr. Nasr is a member of the SCF, and co-facilitates the organization of the 2018 SCF Forum.

Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Nasr is a diplomat working for the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He currently serves as Minister Plenipotentiary in the Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, including for international organizations responsible for issues related to development, environment and information technology such as the WTO, WMO, ITU, UNCTAD and BRS Chemicals Secretariat. He served in Egypt's missions in Togo, Sydney and Geneva, and in departments of Environment and Sustainable development in South Asia and Japan and the Koreas.

Mr. Nasr has been a lead negotiator for Africa in several multilateral processes including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Under the UNFCCC, Mr. Nasr has been a lead negotiator on adaptation and climate finance for the African Group of Climate Change Negotiators (AGN) since 2009, where he served, amongst others, as member of the compliance mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol and as advisor to the African board members of the Green Climate Fund and as a member of the Standing Committee on Finance. In addition, he currently serves as the Chair of the AGN from January 2018 to December 2019.



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Vicky Noens is a Policy Advisor at the Department of Environment and Spatial Development In Belgium.

Ms. Vicky Noens
Belgium, SCF member



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Namho Oh is a senior investment officer at African Development Bank (AfDB), responsible for investments in the area of renewable energy and clean cooking.

At AfDB he is leading the development and structuring of renewable energy financing programs that offer innovative solutions tapping into climate finance opportunities.

Before joining AfDB, he was a programme analyst at United Nations Development Programme in Ghana where he worked for the design and implementation of various sustainable energy and climate projects.

Among others, he led the GCF readiness programme for Ghana, supporting key government institutions to strengthen their capacity for enhanced access to climate finance and multi-sectoral climate policy and finance coordination.

Mr. Namho Oh
African Development Bank



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Ms. Lorena Palomo
Chile

Ms. Lorena Palomo serves as a Senior Economic Adviser for Trade Policy and Sustainable Development in the Ministry of Finance of Chile. She is responsible for monitoring environmental chapters in trade negotiation and supporting the activities of Focal Point and National Designated Authority to the GCF. She also acts as Alternate Board member of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), representing Latina America and Caribbean region.

Before joining the Ministry of Finance, Ms. Palomo was the Chief Operating Officer at Chilean American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham Chile). Prior to working at AmCham, she was a career member of the Chilean Foreign Service for seventeen years, where she held several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, including: Senior Tradea of Chile in Norway, International Economic Advisor at the Office of Minister of Foreign Affairs.



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Mr. Raju Pandit Chhetri
Nepal

Raju Pandit Chhetri is the Director of Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC), an organization based in Nepal.

He is also the member of Climate Change Council and Climate Finance Technical Committee in the Ministry of Finance, Nepal.

Raju has over a decade experience in the UNFCCC process and works with the LDC Group at the climate negotiations.

He has also been following Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board meetings for several years.



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Mr. Sergio A. Pombo
Green Climate Fund

Sergio A. Pombo is the Head of Private Equity Funds at the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

The GCF is the only climatic fund with a private sector facility established within the framework of the UNFCCC to assist developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.

Before GCF, Sergio co-founded Berkana Private Equity, LLC, a US-registered limited liability company that invests in clean energy and energy efficiency projects in Latin America.

Prior to managing Berkana, he was a Senior Investment Officer covering funds globally with the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Private Equity and Investment Funds, in Washington, DC for 17 years. He co-established the largest global private equity conference (EMPEA-IFC PE conference).

Prior to IFC, he worked for the European Bank (EBRD) in London in the capacity of a Principal Manager, Financial Policy and Strategic Planning. He participated in the 1997 capitalization of the Bank.

Sergio has a BSc. Industrial Engineering degree from Pontifical Xavierian University. He holds an MBA degree from American University of Washington, DC, and received a Private Equity and Venture Capital certificate from Harvard's Business School



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Ms. Meenakshi Raman
Third World Network

(HBS), Executive Program. Sergio serves on the Board of several global private equity funds.

Meenakshi Raman is a Malaysian national who is a public interest lawyer by profession and is the Legal Advisor and Coordinator of the Climate Change Programme of the Third World Network (TWN).

TWN is a well-known international organisation head-quartered in Malaysia and has been engaged at the multilateral, regional and national fora on issues of climate change, sustainable development, biodiversity, health, trade and other issues of importance to developing countries.



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Ms. Erin Roberts
Overseas Development Institute

Erin Roberts is a Research Associate in the Risk and Resilience Programme at the Overseas Development Institute where her work focuses on providing linkages between research, decision makers and international policy processes.

She works on several projects for ODI including Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED), Pathways to Resilience in Semi-arid Economies (PRISE) and a collaboration between ODI, the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) on transboundary adaptation.

As part of her work Erin follows the adaptation, loss and damage and finance discussions under the UNFCCC and is also engaged in projects on the ground.

Previously she coordinated a research project in Bangladesh and has also been involved in work to build resilience in the African small island developing states.

Alongside her work Erin is currently completing a PhD at King's College, London where her research focuses on the role of leadership in climate policies in Bangladesh and Senegal.



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Audrey Rojkoff is Deputy Head of the Climate Change Division at the French Development Agency (AFD), and more particularly in charge of issues related to climate finance, international partnerships and the work of the Green Climate Fund.

Before joining AFD, she worked for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an international NGO and the African Development Bank.

Her various activities led her during 11 years on the ground in Africa (Egypt, Tunisia and Ivory Coast).

Ms. Audrey Rojkoff
Agence Française de Développement



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Mr. Espen Ronneberg
Samoa

Mr. Ronneberg is the Climate Change Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in Apia, Samoa since October 2006.

Prior to joining SPREP, between 2000 and 2006, he worked as Inter-Regional Advisor for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Between 1992 and 2000 he worked as an adviser for the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, eventually becoming Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission to the UN. Having been involved in climate change negotiations from 1992, he has also taken part in many other international negotiations.

He has also worked on several practical climate change related projects in Marshall Islands and Maldives, and provided advice to the SIDS on climate change and sustainable development. From 1997 to 1999 he served as Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC at Kyoto and Buenos Aires. From 1998 to 1999 he served as Co-Chairman of the UNFCCC working group on compliance.



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Mr. Rulliadi is the Deputy Director, Center for Climate Finance and Multilateral Policy, Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance in Indonesia.

He obtained a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in International Law from Melbourne Law School in 2017.

Mr. Dudi Rulliadi
Indonesia



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Ms. Satu Santala
Finland

In addition to her role as Director General for the Department of Development Policy, Satu Santala is also Finland's IDA Deputy for the World Bank.

Prior to her current role in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Santala was Executive Director from Finland at the World Bank, where she represented Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden.

Ms. Santala has also held several earlier positions in Finland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs, including: Deputy Director General, Department for Development Policy; Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland, New Delhi, India. She has also held numerous roles with the Finnish Red Cross, including International Training Coordinator.

During the 2012-2014 Board term, Ms. Santala served on the Board's Committee on Development Effectiveness and the Committee on Human Resources.



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Ms. Liane Schalatek
Associate Director, Washington Office
of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Liane Schalatek is the Associate Director of the Washington Office of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung.

Since 2008, she has been leading the work on climate finance for the Heinrich Böll Stiftung (a German non-profit political foundation affiliated with the German Green Party) and its 30 offices worldwide. She monitors the new Green Climate Fund (GCF) and was involved in its design process from the beginning in 2011.

Since January 2016, she has been representing developed countries civil society as active observer on the GCF Board.

As a leading expert on gender and climate finance, she has worked with governments, UN agencies and existing multilateral climate funds on this issue.

She co-founded and co-leads one of the primary civil society climate finance transparency efforts, the website www.climatefundupdate.org, a joint project with ODI.

She has engaged in UNFCCC climate negotiations as a civil society observer since COP 14.



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Mr. Surya Sethi
Former Principal Adviser Energy and
Core Climate Negotiator Government
of India

Mr. Surya Sethi has acknowledged expertise in contemporary development issues facing a resource and climate constrained world.

He has some 40 years of experience spanning responsibilities for individual transactions to macro policy and regulatory design at the enterprise, sectoral, and national levels, and he has worked in over 35 countries in diverse fields spanning power, energy, physical infrastructure, multiple industrial sectors and capital markets.

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