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Information about the resource persons

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Leads

Wendy and Erich are the Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance's Policy Track Leads. The UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance (NZAOA) is a member-led initiative of institutional investors committed to transitioning their investment portfolios to net zero GHG emissions by 2050 - consistent with a maximum temperature rise of 1.5° C.



Wendy Walford is Head of Nature and Climate Risk for Legal & General, a UK based financial services provider. Legal and General is a global provider of retirement solutions to corporates and individuals. As Head of Nature and Climate Risk for the Group, Wendy supports the delivery of the group's goals and commitments, with a specific responsibility for the development of the Group's wider risk management framework, to support inclusion of the financial risks from climate change. Her role also spans the Group's strategic response to climate and nature, the governance framework, and the metrics and targets. Wendy brings significant experience of application of actuarial techniques in climate related issues, alongside over 20 years' experience of working in life insurance.



Erich Cripton joined Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) in 2022 and relocated to the New York office in 2023. In New York, he is responsible for CDPQ's US government relations across the federal, state and municipal level. He also manages US regulatory affairs on behalf of CDPQ's family of asset classes. He also serves as CDPQ's Chief US Lobbyist.

Prior to joining CDPQ, he served as a diplomat for the Government of Canada from 2009 to 2022. During this time, he completed two postings to Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, where he served as Canada's lead on climate, economic and environmental affairs and was involved in negotiating major international agreements, such as Rio+20, the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. His final posting was in Juba, South Sudan where he initially served as the Head of the Political Section and later as the interim Ambassador (Chargé d'affaires).

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