



Climate Dialogues

In-session workshop on Long-Term Climate Finance (Part I)

Information about the resource person



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Zaheer Fakir has more than 29 years of experience in the world of international politics, negotiations, finance and development issues and is at the forefront of negotiations on a number of major multilateral outcomes most notably the Governing Instrument of the GCF and its operationalization, the Paris Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030 and the Katowice and Madrid Climate Change Conferences and is a founding member and former Co-Chair and Board member of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Zaheer is also the G77 & China coordinator for finance in the UNFCCC process.

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