

# Profile of Speakers

2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

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## DAY 1

### OPENING PLENARY 1 – Adaptation in Action

**Anna Lindstedt, Ambassador for Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Sweden**

A career diplomat since 1990, Anna Lindstedt currently holds the position as Ambassador for Climate Change and Chief Negotiator for Sweden in the UNFCCC negotiations. Between 2006 and 2011 she was the Ambassador of Sweden to Mexico and from 2003 to 2006 she served as Ambassador of Sweden to Vietnam. Other assignments abroad include Second Secretary at the Embassy of Sweden in Jakarta, Indonesia and First Secretary in Islamabad, Pakistan. Between 2000 and 2003, Anna Lindstedt was Head of the South Asia Section at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, prior to which she was Desk Officer at the Department for Global Affairs. Before joining the Swedish Foreign Service, Anna Lindstedt worked as a journalist for five years. She studied Journalism, Political Science, Economics, International Relations, International Law and Languages at Lund University. She also holds a Diploma of French Language and Literature from the Sorbonne, Paris. Ambassador Lindstedt is a mother of four children.




**Shigemoto Kajihara, Deputy Director-General of Global Environment, Ministry of the Environment (MOEJ), Japan**

Mr. Shigemoto Kajihara, currently is a deputy director-general of Global Environment and in charge of UNFCCC climate change negotiation. He joined the Environmental Agency in 1979 and since 2001, the Ministry of the Environment. He has served in various positions regarding the environmental issues, including planning and coordination on global environment policy, policy making and coordination/evaluation and public relations, environmental impact assessment etc. From 1998 to 2001, he worked at Environmental Coordination Unit of the UN-ESCAP in Bangkok.

**Keith Alverson, Head of Climate Change Adaptation and Terrestrial Ecosystems Branch and Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP/DEPI, Kenya**

Keith Alverson is the head of the Climate Change Adaptation and Terrestrial Ecosystems Branch of the Division on Environmental Policy Implementation at the UN Environment Program (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya. In this role, he coordinates UNEP's Ecosystems-Based Adaptation to climate change flagship, the Global Climate Change Adaptation Network and efforts to assist developing countries in accessing adaptation funding from bilateral and multilateral sources. From 2004 to 2011, Keith served as Head of Ocean Observations and Services at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO and director of the Global Ocean Observing System, based in Paris, France. Prior to 2004, he was director of the International Geosphere Biosphere Programme's core project Past Global Changes (PAGES) in Bern, Switzerland. Keith has degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and East Asian Studies from Princeton University (1988) and a doctorate in Physical Oceanography from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (1995). He has to his credit over 100 publications, including Past Global Changes and Their Significance for the Future (Elsevier, 2000), Paleoclimate, Global Change and the Future (Springer Verlag, 2002), Watching over the world's oceans (Nature, 2005) and Taking the Pulse of the Oceans (Science, 2006).






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| <p><b>Pithaya Pookaman, Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Bindu Lohani, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>Dr Bindu N. Lohani is Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, and a member of the ADB's management team. He is responsible for ADB's Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Economics and Research Department (Office of the Chief Economist), Office of Regional Economic Integration, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), and the Office of Information Systems and Technology. Prior to assuming his current post, Dr Lohani was Vice-President (Finance and Administration) of ADB. During his 25 years in the Bank, Lohani held several positions, including those of Director General of RSDD (responsible for sectoral and thematic areas like energy, water, transport, urban development, education, environment, gender and social development, and governance) concurrently Chief Compliance Officer, Special Advisor to the President on Clean Energy, Climate Change and Environment, the Secretary of the Bank, and Deputy Director General of Infrastructure Department and Office of Environment and Social Department. Before joining ADB, he worked for the Government of Nepal and was Division Chairman of the Environmental Engineering Program at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok. Dr. Lohani holds a Doctorate degree in Engineering. Dr. Lohani is a member of the National Academy of Engineering of United States, and is a diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Council. Dr. Lohani served on the 18-member Blue Ribbon Committee for "Grand Challenges for Engineering for the 21st Century", an American National Science Foundation Project, to identify the world's greatest challenges and opportunities in the next century.</p> |    |
| <p><b>Johan Kuylensstierna, Executive Director Designate, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Sweden</b></p> <p>Kuylensstierna is currently the Centre Director for SEI in Stockholm, but will lead the institute as its Executive Director from April 2012. Johan Kuylensstierna has experience from international policy work through professional positions at the World Meteorological Organization and the Division on Sustainable Development at the United Nations Headquarters. He has also worked as the Chief Technical Advisor to the Chair of UN-Water, based at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome. Kuylensstierna holds an adjunct professorship in international water resource issues at the Stockholm University. Before joining the FAO, he served as Project Director at the Stockholm International Water Institute with responsibility for the World Water Week. Johan Kuylensstierna also established the Swedish Water House initiative and served as its first manager.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Youssef Nassef, Coordinator, Adaptation Programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Germany</b></p> <p>Dr. Youssef Nassef has led adaptation work under the UNFCCC since 1999. He has initiated and implemented a number of adaptation initiatives at the UNFCCC Secretariat, including the National Adaptation Programmes of Action for LDCs, the Nairobi Work Programme and the incipient Cancun Adaptation Framework. Before joining the UNFCCC, he served as a diplomat and climate change negotiator with the Egyptian foreign service. He holds Doctoral and Master's degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, as well as Master's and Bachelor's degrees from the American University in Cairo.</p>  |  |

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| <p><b>Byung-Wook Lee, President, Korea Environment Institute (KEI), Former Vice Minister of Environment, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea</b></p> <p>Dr. Byung-Wook Lee is the president of Korea Environment Institutes. He is also currently chairing the Korea Environmental Policy and Administration Society. His previous roles include those as Vice Minister of Environment, President of LG Environmental Strategy Institute, and President of Business Institute for Sustainable Development, and Korea Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry. He has also published various books on environment management such as 'Environmental Management', 'Environmental Management that Raises Stock Prices' and 'Cases of Sustainable Management'.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Youth Representative: Dipesh Chapagain, Co-founder/Program Coordinator, Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (NYCA), Clean Energy Nepal</b></p> <p>Dipesh Chapagain has been involved in research, advocacy and awareness about climate change and other environmental issues since 2007. Currently, he is Climate Change and Energy Program Coordinator at Clean Energy Nepal (CEN). He is one of the founder members of Nepali Youth for Climate Action (NYCA), a pioneering youth-based organization on climate change in Nepal, and is presently serving as its Policy Coordinator. He attended the UNFCCC 15th Conference of the Party (COP 15) in Copenhagen in 2009 as part of the Nepali youth delegation. Dipesh was awarded with "applied research grant on climate change adaptation in Nepal" by NAPA Project – Ministry of Environment, "NDRI Research Paper Award" by Nepal Development Research Institute, and "Youth Corner on Climate Change Adaptation" top entry by ICIMOD. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Environmental Science from Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.</p> |  |


## PARALLEL SESSION I: Policies, Programs and Plans

### Panel 1: International Agreements and Initiatives





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| <p><b>Ulrika Åkesson, First Secretary (Environment and Climate Change), Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of Sweden, Thailand</b></p> <p>Ulrika Åkesson currently holds a position as a Senior Programme Manager for Environment and Climate Change at the Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok. She has 14 years of professional international experience in development cooperation. Between 2008 and 2011, she served as a Policy Specialist on Climate Change at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), with an advisory role to the Sida headquarters and the field offices on climate change, responsible for integrating climate change into policies and methods. She was also following the work of the UNFCCC, as part of the Swedish delegation. Between 2005 and 2008, Ulrika Åkesson worked as a Senior Programme Manager for Environment, Climate Change and Water, as well as Deputy Head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi. Before her career in the field of development cooperation, she worked for the Swedish Green Party at the European Parliament in Brussels in the late 1990s. Ulrika Åkesson holds a Master's degree in International Development Cooperation.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Youssef Nassef, Coordinator, Adaptation Programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Germany</b></p> <p>Same as above</p>  |   |

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| <p><b>Bonizella Biagini, Head, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Operations, Global Environment Facility, USA</b></p> <p>A physicist by training, Dr Bonizella (Boni) Biagini has worked on climate change mitigation and adaptation over the last 20 years in Europe, United States, and developing country partners worldwide. She has also extensive experience in climate change negotiations having participated in all the 15 COPs, from Berlin in 1995 to the one in Durban in 2011. Boni Biagini is the Head of Climate Change Operational Strategy and Operation unit at the Global Environment Facility, which helped in shaping the first adaptation programs that financed some of the first concrete adaptation investments at the World Bank and the UN agencies in partnership with the GEF. She is currently responsible for the GEF Adaptation program and portfolio of the GEF and manages the Least Developed Country Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). She is managing a \$650-million project portfolio aimed at financing adaptation in vulnerable countries. She was recently selected to be part of the group of scientists, which will shape the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, and is a contributor and reviewer of the IPCC Third and Fourth Assessments Report on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, and the author of numerous publications on climate change science and politics, including the report 'Confronting Climate Change, Economic Priorities and Climate Protection in Developing Nations'.</p> |    |
| <p><b>Damdin Davgadorj, Mongolian Special Envoy for Climate Change, Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, Mongolia</b></p> <p>Mr Dagvadorj has been heavily involved in negotiation process under the UNFCCC and its Kyoto protocol for many years. He is the National Focal Point for the UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol and IPCC and a member of the Adaptation Fund Board under the Kyoto Protocol. His work has focused on national climate change policy and strategy development, climate change project design and implementation, and research in the field of agro-ecosystem modeling, climate change impacts, vulnerability and risk assessments and adaptation analyses. He has also worked on mainstreaming climate change issues into national and sectoral development strategies.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Izumi Kubota, Senior Policy Researcher, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan</b></p> <p>Dr. Izumi KUBOTA is currently Senior Researcher at the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan. She has been involved in various research projects on adaptation policy. Her research focuses on the role of legal principles in developing and implementing international and domestic adaptation policies. She was a working group member under the Committee on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Research, Ministry of the Environment, Japan. She also served as technical officer to attend, as a member of the Japanese delegation (2002-2007). She obtained her doctoral degree (Doctor of Juristic Science) from Gakushuin University, Tokyo, in 2004.</p>  |  |





## Panel 2: National Policies, Strategies and Programs

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| <p><b>Dhruba Pant, Professor, Nepal Engineering College, Nepal</b></p> <p>Dhruba Pant is a Professor at the Nepal Engineering College, Pokhara University, and coordinator of Master's Program in Natural Resource Management. Earlier, he worked for the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) as the head of its Nepal office for 10 years before joining the current position. Mr Pant has been involved in various studies on water management for agriculture and poverty alleviation through improvement in livelihood opportunities by mainly focusing on Integrated Water Resource Management. He has also been engaged in the formulation of policy for natural resources management along with the design and implementation of water resource management programs in a multi-disciplinary team. He has worked with both the government and donors in the field of rural development and decentralization for local-level institution building, and participatory development</p> |  |
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| focusing on the use of local knowledge.   |   |
| <p><b>Bach Tan Sinh, Director, National Institute for Science and Technology Policy and Strategic Studies (NISTPASS), Vietnam</b></p> <p>Dr. Bach Tan Sinh is the director of the Department of S&amp;T Human Resource Policy and Organization for the National Institute for S&amp;T Policy and Strategic Studies, Ministry of S&amp;T. He is General Secretary of Vietnam's IHDP, and was lead author of the Chapter 2 of IPCC Special Report, and a member of the Review Board of the Millennium Ecosystem Management Program. Dr. Sinh graduated from Ilmenau Technical University, Germany, with B.Sc. in precision mechanical engineering, and received his MA in science and technology policy from Lund University, Sweden. He completed his Ph.D. in environmental social science from Aalborg University, Denmark, and was awarded Fulbright Post-doctoral scholarship by the University of California, Berkeley, during 1999-2000.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Vidhisha Samarasekara, Senior Climate Change Specialist, India Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB), India</b></p> <p>Dr Vidhisha is an ecologist (Ph.D) by training with extensive field research and working experience in natural resources management across South and South East Asia, spanning almost 20 years. Since 2004, she has been working with the Asian Development Bank and has been responsible for the design and implementation of natural resources management technical assistance and investment programmes across the Asia region as a whole. During her posting in New Delhi (ADB India Resident Mission) significant progress has been made in a relatively short period of time in terms of mainstreaming climate change adaptation (CCA) concerns into ADB's India water programme. A close working relationship has been developed with the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) and Central Water Commission (CWC) at the Central level and various Water Resources Departments (WRDs) at the state levels (e.g. Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu).</p> |    |
| <p><b>S M Munjurul Hannan Khan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangladesh</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Rebecca Nadin, Director, Adapting to Climate Change, China Programme (ACCC), China</b></p> <p>Dr. Rebecca Nadin is Director of the Sharing Knowledge Globally: Adapting to Climate Change in China (ACCC) Project, a UK-Swiss-Chinese Government collaboration to develop and share internationally China's experience of integrating climate adaptation into the development process. Since 2002, Dr. Nadin has been based in Beijing, China, where she initially served as a Political Officer at the British Embassy in Beijing. In 2006, she joined the British Council as Director (China) of the Climate Change Programme. Dr. Nadin has a Ph.D. in Political Science on China-Central Asian Energy Politics from the University of Sheffield.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Sanjay Tomar, Senior Advisor, Natural Resource Management Programme, Climate Change Adaptation, GIZ, India</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjay Tomar is a landscape ecologist by training with 15 years of working experience in natural resource management and climate change adaptation. He has been working as Senior Advisor with GIZ since 2007 and is implementing Indo-German Bilateral Project "Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Areas in India". During this period, he has contributed to the preparation of framework for the preparation of State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) in India. He is responsible for supporting the process for the preparation of SAPCC in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), 16 states governments and various knowledge partners. He has also contributed to IISD's recent publication entitled 'Creating Adaptive Policies: A Guide for Policymaking in an Uncertain World'.</p>  |  |

### Panel 3: Local Government Planning

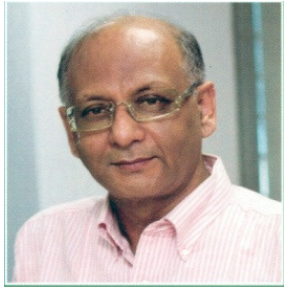
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| <p><b>Richard Friend, Senior Staff Scientist, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), Thailand</b></p> <p>Richard Friend is a Senior Scientist with the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET) based in Bangkok, and involved in projects on urban climate resilience. He has a background in social anthropology and development studies, and has been working in the Mekong region for 20 years in areas related to human development, governance and natural resource management. Recently, he worked as the international lead author for the United Nations 2011 Human Development Report for Cambodia titled 'Building Resilience; the Future of Rural Livelihoods in the Face of Climate Change'.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Christopher Kaczmariski, Regional Technical Advisor on Local Development, UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Thailand</b></p> <p>Mr. Kaczmariski's professional background comprises over 30 years of work experience as a senior local/regional public sector management and finance expert, including over 15 years of continuous international service in countries of transition and developing countries. He has been working on donor assistance programs involving regional and local development, public service provision, capital investment programming and finance, fiscal decentralization and local financial management, municipal credit market development and creditworthiness enhancement, democratization and civil society involvement. Prior to joining UNCDF, Mr. Kaczmariski worked as expert advisor and team leader on complex technical assistance projects of key international donor and financing institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Russia. Before entering the field of international development, Mr. Kaczmariski had worked in the USA where he advised the municipalities of New England states on energy and environment projects development, financing and implementation as well as operation and management of public utility companies.</p> |    |
| <p><b>Yanyong Inmuong, Associate Professor, Faculty of Public Health, Khon Kaen University, Thailand</b></p> <p>Yanyong Inmuong is a Professor of Environment and Health. He is also a regional resource person for Environment and Health Thematic Working Groups for the Ministerial Forum on Environment and Health in Southeast and East Asian countries. Dr Yanyong leads the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) pilot project in NE Thailand, supported by Mekong River Commission and Thailand National Mekong Committee, while exploring community-based climate adaptation strategies and options of the flood and drought impacted communities.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Ilona Porsché, Project Director, Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Areas of India (CCA RAI), India</b></p> <p>Ilona has ten years of experience in sustainable natural resource management and livelihood support in development cooperation. She specializes in vulnerability assessment, climate proofing, and integrating adaptation into projects and planning. Ilona has worked for many years in the Philippines, Mozambique and Brazil, and has advised GTZ projects on adaptation to climate change in Vietnam, the Philippines, and in Bangladesh. She is currently working on adaptation to climate change in India as project director of Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Areas of India (CCA RAI). She advises the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests, as well as four Indian partner states on adaptation to climate change.</p>   |  |

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| <p><b>Benoit Mayer, PhD Student, National University of Singapore, Singapore</b></p> <p>Mr. Benoit Mayer, LL.M. (McGill), is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. His dissertation discusses the alternative justifications for international legal protection of climate change induced migrants. Benoit is also an active research fellow of the Center for International Sustainable Development Law (Montreal, Canada) and of the Earth System Governance Project (Lund, Sweden) besides being a member of the editorial board of the Canadian Journal of Poverty Law. He has published several articles and book chapters on climate migration, human rights, and international law. He received the 2010 CISDL-IDLO Award of Excellence in Legal Scholarship on Sustainable Development. Previously, he worked as a research assistant (McGill), interned at the European Court of Justice and volunteered for NGOs on foreigners' and children's rights in France and Canada.</p> |  |
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## Panel 4: Private Sector Strategies, Responsibilities and Contributions

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| <p><b>Louis Lebel, Director, Unit for Social and Environmental Research, Chiang Mai University, Thailand</b></p> <p>Louis Lebel is the current and founding director of the Unit for Social and Environmental Research (USER) at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. He has research interests in ecology, public health, development studies and environmental governance. He is active in the global environmental change science programs. Please visit <a href="http://www.sea-user.org">www.sea-user.org</a> for further information about his publications and research activities.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Richard Welford, Co-Founder and Chairman, CSR Asia, Hong Kong</b></p> <p>Richard Welford is one of the founders and the chairman of CSR Asia and an Adjunct Professor at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) School of Management, where he coordinates the joint CSR Asia–AIT Professional Master's Program in CSR. Richard has over 20 years of experience working in the fields of environmental management and social responsibility. He was one of the early pioneers in developing social audit and reporting methodologies in the 1990s. From 2002 to 2010, Richard was a professor at the University of Hong Kong and headed the Corporate Environmental Governance Programme. He has undertaken consultancy work with a number of leading companies, including the MTR Corporation, Disney, CLP, Nike, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, HP, HSBC, Citigroup and Adidas. He has also worked with Cathay Pacific and the Swire group for developing climate change strategies.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Avijit Gautam, Operations Head, Emergent Ventures International Pte. Ltd., Thailand</b></p> <p>Avijit Gautam heads business operations at Emergent Ventures International Pte. Limited, Thailand. Avijit has an extensive experience of working with corporates to formulate and implement sustainable business strategies. He has worked on sustainable strategy, financial modeling of renewable projects, and carbon market. He has also worked on projects related to climate change mitigation with World Bank, UNEP, UNIDO, and Department of Industrial Works–Thailand.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Linda Yarr, Director, Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia (PISA), Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, USA</b></p> <p>PISA promotes international affairs education, policy dialogue, and research on global issues in collaboration with leading Asian institutions. After earning graduate degrees at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and Cornell University, she was a professor at Long Island University and taught global and women's studies. She has been a visiting fellow at the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, National University of Malaysia, and the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies. She currently serves on GWU's committee to develop a curriculum on sustainability.</p>   |  |






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| <p><b>Mohiuddin Babar, Convenor, Nature Alliance, Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Mohiuddin Babar started his career in journalism in the late seventies, and later went into teaching in the eighties. He worked as the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Bangladesh from 1999 to 2001 and was then deeply drawn into research and advocacy for Corporate Social Responsibility, environmental upkeep and occupational health and safety. Babar has been attending international seminars on CSR, including Asian CSR forum, APRCP and WIPO. Babar leads a private initiative called Nature Alliance to campaign for environmental upkeep, sustainable consumption, waste minimization and organic farming. He has also authored a book titled “Corporate Moral Responsibility” and produced a number of video documentaries on CSR, occupational safety and low carbon village. In December 2009, he was invited by the Danish Nature Society to attend the COP meetings in Copenhagen wherein he released his latest book titled “An Apology to Nature”.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Wanida Supaporn, Academic Officer, CSR department, PTT Public Company Limited, Thailand</b></p>   |   |


## Panel 5: Multi-Level Coordination

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| <p><b>Nguyen Huong Thuy Phan, Programme Coordinator of the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative, Environment Division, Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat, Lao PDR</b></p> <p>Ms. Nguyen Huong Thuy Phan is currently working as Program Coordinator of the Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative (CCAI), Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat. Phan has more than 20 years of experience working with institutions in the Lower Mekong countries, including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam as a researcher, lecturer, consultant and project manager. Prior to joining MRCS, she worked at the Asian Institute of Technology in Vietnam from 2002 to 2011, and in the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Twente, the Netherlands, from 2000 to 2002. She has also worked with Vietnam Ministry of Energy, and Board of Construction, Vietnam Institute of Hygiene. Ms Phan is a Ph.D in Engineering and did her post-doctoral study on ‘Climate Change Impacts on the Red River Delta Vietnam’ at the University of Twente, the Netherlands.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Purushottam Ghimire, National Project and NAPA Project Director, Ministry of Environment, National Planning Commission Secretariat, Nepal</b></p> <p>Mr. Purushottam Ghimire was Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission and chief of Human Resource Management Division. He was also the focal person of the RIO+20 preparation committee and chief of Environment and Climate Change sector of NPC. He has also worked as Joint Secretary, Chief of Environment Division, Ministry of Environment, Government of Nepal. He is at present the National Project Director, National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA) and focal person of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Mr Ghimire has also served as rapporteur of Subsidiary Body of Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA) of UNFCCC and National Project Director (NPD), Pilot Project on Climate Resilience (PPCR) negotiations with ADB/World Bank.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Changsub Shim, Research Scientist, Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change, Korea Environment Institute (KEI), Korea</b></p> <p>Dr Shim is a research scientist at Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change and Korea Environment Institute. A PhD in Atmospheric Sciences from the Georgia Institute of Technology in the US, Dr Shim also has to his credit an M.S in Environmental Sciences from Rutgers University in the US and an MS in Physical Chemistry of Korea University in South Korea. Before his present position, Dr Shim was a post-doctoral Research Fellow at Jet Propulsion Laboratory-NASA in the USA. His research interests include atmospheric chemical compositions and their transformation, and greenhouse gases. He is also keenly interested in climate change adaptation policy, and the multi-level as well as global cooperation required for it.</p>  |  |



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| <p><b>Sonam Lhaden Khandu, Senior Environment Officer, Climate Change Unit, National Environment Commission (NEC), Bhutan</b></p> <p>Sonam Lhaden Khandu is Senior Environment Officer in the Climate Change Unit at the National Environment Commission Secretariat (NECS) of Bhutan. Her responsibilities include supporting all activities pertaining to climate change. She is currently working on revising Bhutan's National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA). She also coordinates all issues related to Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) especially with regard to the role of NECS as the Designated National Authority. Previously, she has worked as a program officer in the Policy and Planning Section and the Environment Assessment Division at the NECS.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Christophe Béné, Coordinator, Adaptive Social Protection Programme, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), United Kingdom</b></p> <p>Chris Béné is Research Fellow in the Vulnerability and Poverty Reduction team at the Institute of Development studies (IDS) University of Sussex (UK). He is a socio-economist by training and has worked in over 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, South and South-East Asia, and the Caribbean and Pacific region. Chris' inter-disciplinary research focuses on poverty, vulnerability and governance in relation to the socio-political economy of natural resources-dependent communities in developing countries. He is currently the coordinator of the Adaptive Social Protection Programme funded by DFID and implemented by IDS.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Suzanne Kelly-Lyall, Deputy Director, Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia (PISA), Elliott School of International Affairs (Sigur Center), The George Washington University, USA</b></p> <p>Suzanne Kelly-Lyall is the Deputy Director of George Washington University's Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia (PISA). Prior to joining PISA, she was a Senior Program Coordinator for International Affairs with the Asia Foundation. Ms. Kelly-Lyall is particularly interested in the intersection of climate-induced migration, adaptive strategies and gender. Her current work concentrates on how climate change is impacting development in Southeast and South Asia within the human security frame. She co-developed PISA's Climate Leadership Institutes to identify and provide targeted leadership, skill building and intra-ministerial dialogue for policy-makers, researchers and opinion leaders working on climate change issues in Southeast Asia. Suzanne's recent work explores the effective use of social media platforms to bridge gaps in communication on climate adaptation. In 2010, Suzanne wrote and directed a video project on climate adaption in coastal Vietnam.</p> |  |

## Panel 6: Integrating Adaptation and Mitigation Actions

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| <p><b>Regan Suzuki, REDD-net Coordinator Asia-Pacific, RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests, Thailand</b></p> <p>Currently, the REDD-net Asia-Pacific coordinator, in Bangkok, primarily involves networking and information dissemination amongst regional civil society groups as well as research and information dissemination on key thematic areas associated with REDD+. The linkages between adaptation and mitigation have been a focal area of work over the last several years. Regan has produced various publications focusing on natural resource management issues in the Asia-Pacific region. Her areas of interest include forestry policy, climate change, REDD+, community-based adaptation and the inclusion of local and indigenous knowledge systems in natural resource management.</p> |  |
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| <p><b>Fawad Khan, Senior Associate , Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), Pakistan</b></p> <p>Fawad Khan is a Senior Associate with the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET) and one of its founding members in Pakistan. He works extensively on adaptation issues in South and South-East Asia, particularly on the economic aspects of adaptation both at the macro and local level. He has helped design processes for local adaptation plans of action in Nepal, supported programs for urban resilience planning in Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network, and conducted cost-benefit analysis of various adaptation strategies in Pakistan, Nepal, India and Vietnam. Currently, he is leading a program that is testing innovative methods to evaluate the social vulnerability of flood victims across the Indus basin and strategies to build resilience in four sites spanning high mountains and the delta. Previously, Mr. Khan worked with the World Bank in the Water and Energy Department and with IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature as a Senior Coordinator for Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research.</p> |    |
| <p><b>Ei Ei Htun, M&amp;E Specialist, Mercy Corps, Myanmar</b></p> <p>Ei Ei Htun is currently Design, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator at the Mercy Corps, Myanmar. She has been heavily involved in programmes on climate change adaptation and mitigation. Her work has focused on climate change adaptation and mitigation programme design, carbon emission testing, energy poverty study, kitchen survey and measurement of the forest ecosystem recovery. Prior to joining Mercy Corps, she worked as a Design, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist with World Vision, where she led the mainstreaming of climate change issues into the Area Development Programmes. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the Meiktila Institute of Economics, Myanmar, in 2005.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Raza Mahmood Farrukh, Senior Project Officer, Pakistan Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Pakistan</b></p> <p>Raza M. Farrukh, an AIT Graduate, is water resources management specialist with over 20 years of experience in the sector. He is currently involved in design and implementation of various water sector projects in Pakistan. He is also ADB's climate change focal person in Pakistan. He has been involved in implementation of an adaptation project for Indus basin glacial melt studies. He has designed a new adaptation project for Pakistan to ensure that investments of ADB and Government of Pakistan in the Water Resources and Energy sectors are made climate smart.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Simon Henschel, Managing Director, Sunlabob International Pte., Ltd, Singapore</b></p> <p>Simon Henschel is the Managing Director of Sunlabob International Pte.Ltd. Sunlabob Renewable Energy Ltd's latest expansion into Singapore and the South Asian markets. Simon holds a BSc in International Business Management from Southern New Hampshire University, USA, and has been working at Sunlabob for 5 years at the headquarters in Laos before heading out to Singapore. Simon's focus is on management, business development and expansion strategies. He is an alumni member of the Global Institute for Tomorrow and is a founding member of the Lao Institute for Renewable Energy. Taking an all-round approach to business management allows him to get involved in a wide range of activities, conferring him a pivotal role in the company. Simon is part of a generation of young professionals at Sunlabob with an international background and an ecological conscience, contributing to innovative concepts in providing energy to rural and urban areas of the developed and developing world.</p>   |  |

## Panel 6b: Building Climate Resilient Cities

### **Anna Brown, Associate Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, Thailand**

Anna Brown joined the Rockefeller Foundation in January 2007. As an Associate Director of the Asia Office, Ms. Brown provides strategic direction and execution for select initiatives. She devotes most of her time to the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) and emerging work related to urbanization in the developing world. Prior to joining the Rockefeller Foundation, Ms. Brown served as a researcher and coordinator for the MIT-USGS Science Impact Collaborative, a program devoted to improving the use of science in decision-making. At the Quaker United Nations Office, Ms. Brown led the organization's engagement with the United Nation's Commission on Sustainable Development and guided exploratory work on water and conflict. She also worked with UNESCO's Water Sciences Division in Paris. Ms. Brown earned her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Brown University and her master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



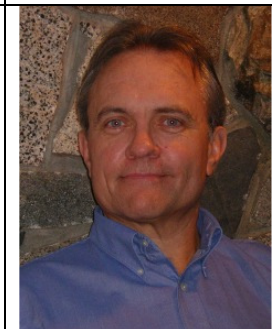
### **Bharat Dahiya, Human Settlements Officer, UN-HABITAT, Thailand**

Dr. Bharat has a PhD in urban planning, governance and environment from the University of Cambridge. Working with UN-Habitat at present, and the World Bank in the past, he has initiated and led several innovative projects on city upgrading and development strategies, urban environment and climate change, and post-disaster management in Asia. At the World Bank, Bharat co-authored a book, Urban Environment and Infrastructure: Toward Livable Cities, which put forth the notion of "expanded brown agenda" to include urban disaster risks and urban impacts of climate change in the Brown Agenda. More recently, Bharat conceptualized and coordinated UN-Habitat's first-ever State of Asian Cities 2010/11 Report, prepared in partnership with UN-ESCAP, UNEP and UCLG-ASPAC.



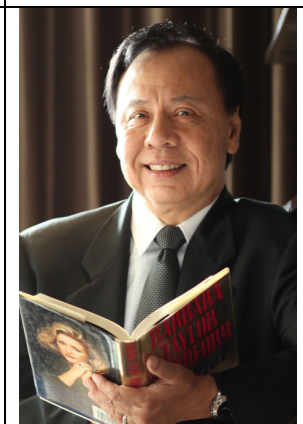
### **Stephen Tyler, Senior Associate, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), Canada**

Stephen Tyler is a Senior Associate with ISET and principal of Adaptive Resource Management Ltd in Victoria, Canada. He has worked in SE Asia for over 20 years, developing innovative approaches to natural resource management, environmental policy, and climate adaptation. He has worked for IDRC, ADB, CIDA, the World Bank and other agencies to build capacity and support regional experts. He has published in the field of climate adaptation, community-based natural resource management, water resources, and urbanization and holds a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of California in Berkeley.



### **Bhichit Rattakul, Special Advisor, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Thailand**

Dr. Bhichit Rattakul, Special Advisor to Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), has over 20 years of experience in the science and technology sector in policy and management as well as disaster management, environmental education and research. He is a key advocate of multi-cultural, community-based disaster risk reduction activities. With a doctorate in Microbiology from USA, he taught at Chulalongkorn University during the '80s. His work has encompassed both academic and political arenas, and he was thrice elected Member of Parliament and served as a Cabinet member of the Royal Thai Government with a Science and Technology portfolio. Again during the early year of 2000, he was elected the Governor of Bangkok, and in 2005, he was elected as a senator from Bangkok in his last political assignment. The same year, Dr. Bhichit joined ADPC and served as its Executive Director until November 2011.





**Isabel Pereira Rodrigues, Research Fellow, Post-Doctoral, Center for Advanced Studies in Management and Economics (CEFAGE), University of Évora, Portugal**

Isabel Pereira Rodrigues is a research fellow at the Universidade of Évora in Portugal, where she is developing a post-doctoral project on innovation, entrepreneurship and development. She has worked as a policy specialist at the Research unit of the Human Development Report Office of UNDP, contributing to the global HDRs of 2007/08 on climate change, 2009 on migration, and the 20th anniversary edition in 2010. Isabel has co-authored several papers, covering such themes as environmental sustainable policy, vulnerability to climate shocks and household coping strategies, environmental induced migration, labour market integration policies, and minorities' healthcare. Before joining UNDP, Isabel worked in academia, as a lecturer and researcher, focusing primarily on the field of industrial organization. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Universitat Autònoma of Barcelona.



## PLENARY 2 – Insights from Practice

**Rajib Shaw, Associate Professor, Kyoto University, Japan**

Rajib Shaw is an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies of Kyoto University, Japan. He has worked closely with local communities, NGOs, governments and international organizations, including United Nations, especially in the Asian countries. He is currently the Chair of the United Nations Asia Regional Task Force for Urban Risk Reduction. His research interests include community-based disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, urban risk management, and disaster and environmental education. He has published several books in the field of disaster and environmental management. He is also the Chief Editor of Asian Journal of Environment and Disaster Management.



**Charles Rodgers, Senior Environment Specialist (Climate Change Adaptation), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines**

Charles Rodgers is a Senior Environment Specialist with the Asian Development Bank, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, where he serves as ADB's adaptation focal point. Dr. Rodgers joined ADB in 2009 as a Senior Water and Climate Change Specialist to support and assist water experts at ADB and in client and partner institutions on issues related to climate change. He has worked with the International Food Policy Research Institute, the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at Bonn University, and as a consultant on a wide range of international projects emphasizing climate change, water resources and irrigated agricultural production. Dr. Rodgers holds a PhD in Civil Engineering and Hydrology from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a U.S. Department of Energy Global Change Fellow; and an MS in Agricultural and Natural Resources Economics from the University of Minnesota.




**Marcus Moench, President, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), USA**

Dr. Marcus Moench has a strong interdisciplinary background that combines training in the technical dimensions of water, energy, disaster risk and climate management at the M.S. level with doctoral work on institutions and economics. He received his doctorate from the Energy and Resources Group at the University of California Berkeley in 1990, and has published and worked on a broad array of water and climate issues both globally and, at a field level, in South Asia and other regions since 1984. He founded the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), in 1997 along with other partners and has served as its chief executive officer ever since. He has extensive experience in coordinating large-scale interdisciplinary regional programs involving multiple government, donor, analytical and implementation partners. Dr. Moench has worked closely with governments and international organizations on disaster risk management and adaptation to climate change. Dr. Moench has strong interest and experience in the development of practical, and replicable, methodologies for identifying tangible responses to climate change and evaluating both their costs and benefits and their social/distributional implications.

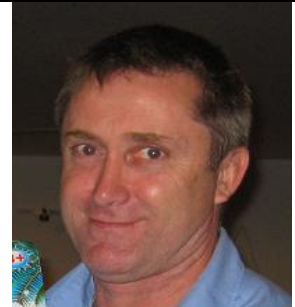





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| <p><b>Ugyen Tshewang, Secretary, National Environment Commission (NEC), Royal Government, Bhutan</b><br/> Secretary of the National Environment Commission Secretariat (NECS), Royal Government of Bhutan (2010 till now), Mr Tshewang is in charge of the Implementation of National Environmental Policies and Programs besides other Climate Change related projects. He was technical head of the Bhutanese delegation to COP Meetings of UNFCCC. Besides this, he is chair of several important bodies such as Multi-Sectoral Technical Task Force on Climate Change, National Adaptation Program of Action, National Water Resources Board and Second National Communication Report Project for submission to UNFCCC. Mr Tshewang is also member secretary of the National Environment Commission, and an esteemed member of both the Gross National Happiness Commission and the National Land Commission. Earlier, Mr Tshewang was Governor of the Trashiyangtse District Administration from 2007 to 2010. During this period, he was also the director, National Biodiversity Centre, Bhutan, for formulation of policies and legal framework, and establishment of ex-situ conservation facilities.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Kyosuke Inada, Climate Change Advisor, Global Environment Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan</b><br/> Kyosuke Inada is advisor, Climate Change, at JICA Global Environment Department, responsible for strategy planning and agency-wide coordination of climate change issues. He has been engaged in Japan's international development finance for nearly 20 years. He has served as representative, Beijing Office, Deputy Director, Corporate Finance, contributing as a core member of the team that designed Japan Carbon Finance Ltd. and as Deputy Director for operations in Africa. He studied Economics at Keio University, Japan, before obtaining an MSc in Environmental Change and Management at the University of Oxford. He has also studied Chinese at the Peking University.</p>  |  |


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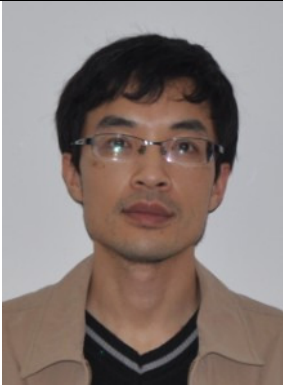

### Panel 7: Managing Water for Food and Agriculture

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| <p><b>John Dore, Senior Water Resources Advisor - Mekong Region, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Lao PDR</b><br/> John Dore is Senior Water Resources Advisor to AusAID (Australian Agency for International Development), working mostly in the six countries of the Mekong Region, from a base at the Australian Embassy in Lao PDR. His areas of expertise are deliberative water governance and political economy in Asia and Australia. Prior to joining AusAID, he was the Program Director of the M-POWER (Mekong Program On Water Environment and Resilience) governance network, and the leader of the IUCN Asia Water Program.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Masataka Watanabe, Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, Japan</b><br/> Dr. Masataka Watanabe is a Professor of the Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, in Japan. He is also a Visiting Professor of the United Nations University. He is currently serving as a Chairman of the UNEP Asia Pacific Adaptation Network since October 2009, and has initiated several consultation meetings with governments in the Asia-Pacific region in order to identify the effects of climate change, vulnerability, adaptation measures and gaps in technological/financial resources. He has also set up an adaptation demonstration site in Mongolia which is one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change. Dr. Watanabe has been conducting environment-related projects for over 25 years. These include ecosystem modeling of red tide outbreaks, and total pollution loads control in the enclosed sea, and watershed management of Yangtze River Basin in China. He participated in the UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment as a Coordinating Lead Author in the China Sub-Global Assessment, and was awarded Tien Shan Prize from the Government of China for his scientific contributions.</p> |  |

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| <p><b>Wang Guoqing, Professor, Nanjing Hydraulic Research Institute, Research Center for Climate Change, Ministry of Water Resources, China</b></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Wang Guoqing received his PhD in Hydrology and Water Resources from Hohai University, and his interests include but are not limited to hydrological model development, climate change effect assessment, water resources management, adaptation policy, etc. As a team leader, Dr Wang undertook climate-related national key projects during the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th five -year plans. He has published more than 50 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He and Prof. Zhang Jianyun co-authored a book titled “Impact of Climate Change on Hydrology and Water Resources in China”.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Upali Imbulana, Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership (GWP)- South Asia, Sri Lanka</b></p> <p>Upali S. Imbulana is the Regional Coordinator, GWP South Asia. He is an Irrigation Engineer by profession and has studied at the University of Moratuwa Sri Lanka and Utah State University. Prior to joining the GWP, he worked in the Ministry of Irrigation in Sri Lanka, handling the subject of water resources development, and also coordinated the Sri Lanka Case Study for World Water Development Report of the UN. His areas of interest include climate change adaptation in the fields of irrigation and water resources management.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Ancha Srinivasan, Principal Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>Dr. ANCHA Srinivasan is a Principal Climate Change Specialist at the Southeast Asia Department (SERD) of ADB. As the Climate Change Focal Point for Southeast Asia, he formulates and oversees the implementation of several projects on climate change adaptation and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, including those from forestry and land use. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, UK, and has about 20 years of professional experience in interdisciplinary research and management, including climate change science and policy. Prior to joining the ADB, he was a Principal Researcher and Manager of the Climate Policy Project at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan. He has contributed to several international initiatives, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Global Environmental Outlook-IV, Millennium Ecosystems Assessment, and the System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) as an author and/or reviewer. He has edited eight books, and is an author of more than 90 publications. He serves as a member of the editorial boards of several scientific journals. He has received many awards and honors, including a gold medal and letter of appreciation from the Prime Minister of India, and Eisaku Sato Memorial Foundation Prize of the United Nations University.</p> |  |

## Panel 8: Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation

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| <p><b>Hideyuki Mori, President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</b></p> <p>Mr. Hideyuki Mori is a graduate of the School of Engineering, Kyoto University. He joined IGES in 2003 prior to which he served as Environment Specialist at the Asian Development Bank, Senior Environmental Coordinator of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees, Director of the Office of Research and Information at the Global Environment Issues Division of the Environment Agency of Japan (present Ministry of the Environment), and as Portfolio Manager of the Division of GEF at the United Nations Environment Programme. He is the president of IGES since 2010.</p> |  |
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| <p><b>Shinano Hayashi, Deputy Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Zeng Yunmin, Director Assistant, GuangDong Academy of Social Science, China</b><br/> Yunmin Zeng is assistant director of the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy Research (CEEPR), Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences (GDASS), in the People's Republic of China. He is also a member of low carbon consortia of Guangdong. The 31-year-old, who did his Ph.D in Economics from Nankai University, specializes in the field of industrial and environmental economics with a special focus on low carbon economics. An eminent writer with two books and several articles to his credit, Zeng has also conducted research on emissions trading in Guangdong, and environmental protection for textile and dyeing sector in Pearl River Delta Region. He has also studied climate disaster assessment and adaptation to climate change in the Guangdong province while devising an energy saving plan for the Guangzhou province. He has also worked for development of low-carbon small and middle enterprises in Guangdong, besides building a mechanism for carbon trading in Guangdong.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Wijitbusaba Ann Marome, Associate Dean of International Affairs, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Thammasat University, Thailand</b><br/> Dr. Wijitbusaba is Associate Dean of International Affairs and full-time lecturer in the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Thammasat University. She has conducted wide-ranging research on Urban Development Planning, working on projects such as "A Development Guideline of Creative Economy for Social Equality in Urban Bangkok", and "Incremental Housing: Thailand and Vietnam's Experiences." She has also collaborated with the Thailand Research Fund (TRF), and the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) to conduct several researches on Climate Change Adaptation and Urban Development Planning. Currently, she leads the Bangkok city team for a 5-year research under the "Coastal Cities at Risk (CCaR): Building Adaptive Capacity for Managing Climate Change in Coastal Megacities" which is led by Professor Anond Snidvongs and Professor Gordon McBean. This research includes research teams in Manila, Lagos, and Vancouver, under the IDRC-funded "International Research Initiative on Adaptation to Climate Change (IRIACC)."</p> |    |
| <p><b>N.M.S.I. Arambepola, Deputy Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Thailand</b><br/> N.M.S.I Arambepola (Arambe) is currently working as the Deputy Executive Director and Team Leader, Urban Disaster Risk Management (UDRM) Department of ADPC. He is responsible for overview and management of several Regional Programs. His extensive knowledge in disaster management and geotechnical engineering, particularly in relation to landslides studies and flood mitigation, as well as his hands-on experience in regional program design and management, contributes to the effective implementation of programs and training and capacity building activities by ADPC. He holds a Master of Science degree in Exploration of Mineral Deposits, and a diploma in engineering geology. He is a member of a number of professional bodies, including the Institution of Mining &amp; Metallurgy (U.K), the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, and the Geotechnical Society of Sri Lanka. Arambe joined the ADPC in February 2000.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Neil Britton, Principal Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b><br/> Dr. Neil Britton is ADB's Principal Disaster Risk Management Specialist. Dr. Britton's duties focus on being the anchor for ADB's 2004 Disaster and Emergency Assistance Policy, which includes developing and overseeing an implementation program to operationalize the Policy. He leads the role in the introduction of an integrated disaster risk management (IDRM) approach for mainstreaming in ADB operations, and is introducing disaster risk financing as a new business line in the Bank. Prior to ADB, Dr. Britton was Team Leader (International Disaster Reduction Strategies) and Chief Coordinator in the National Research Institute for Earth Sciences and Disaster Prevention (NIED) in Kobe, Japan. He is also on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Environmental Hazards.</p>  |  |



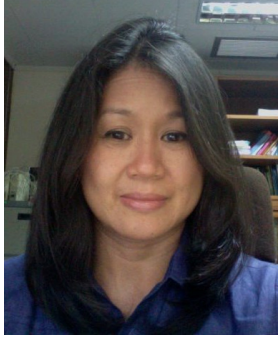

## Panel 9: Community-Based Adaptation


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| <p><b>Atiq Rahman, Executive Director, Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Dr. Atiq Rahman is the Executive Director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS). He is a well-recognized global leader in sustainable development. He was a lead author of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, which received Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He was a recipient of this Noble Peace Prize along with other scientists. Dr. Rahman was awarded the highest UN award on Environment the “Champion of the Earth 2008” by the UNEP for the Asia-Pacific Region. The UN citation states that the award is given for his “extraordinary leadership and contribution to environmental issues, sustainable development and climate change.” He is also the recipient of the ‘Paribesh Padak 2008’ the highest Environment Award of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for “his contribution to research work and scientific innovation.” Dr. Rahman is a visiting Professor of International Diplomacy and Sustainable Development at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston. He is the Chairman of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA).</p> |    |
| <p><b>Gehendra Bahadur Gurung, Head of Programme- Climate Change, Food Security, DRR, Practical Action, Nepal</b></p> <p>Gehendra Bahadur Gurung has an MSc in agricultural science from the University of Landon. Mr. Gurung started his career as an agriculture research and extension expert in 1986. Until 1993, he was involved in conducting researches on agriculture with focus on fruits and vegetables. From 1993 to 2005, he worked as nature conservationist. During this period, he managed Integrated Conservation and Development Programmes. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Gurung was tasked with managing the largest conservation area in Nepal, the Annapurna Conservation Area, as its Director. In 2005, he joined Practical Action as Head of Programmes to manage climate change, disaster risk reduction and food security program. Ever since, he has been involved in designing and implementing integrated community-based adaptation projects. He has also been influencing national policies on climate change besides participating in the UNFCCC COPs process.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Arivudai Nambi Appadurai, Project Director, Climate Change Program, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), India</b></p> <p>Dr. Nambi has 15 years of experience in the development sector. His work has focused on NRM, community-based adaptation to climate change, vulnerability assessment, environmental policy and institutional development. He is a member of the Indian delegation to the UNFCCC COP meetings and serves as an expert member across a variety of ministerial committees constituted by the Government of India to study the impacts of climate change. Prior to joining MSSRF, Dr. Nambi was associated with the UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Program, coordinating its outreach and engagement activities. He also served with the CGIAR and GEF secretariats attached to the World Bank, Washington DC, as a consultant for six years. He holds a doctoral degree in environment policy and a Master’s in development studies from Cambridge University.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Pinreak Suos, National Advisor, NAPA Follow-Up project, Environment and Energy Cluster, UNDP Cambodia</b></p> <p>Pinreak Suos is National Advisor of the project “Promote Climate Resilient Water Management and Agriculture Practice in Rural Cambodia”, Environment and Energy Cluster, UNDP, Cambodia. A master’s in Development Management from Norton University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, has over two years of experience in providing advisory service and capacity building support in the management and implementation of UNDP/GEF funded project “Promoting Climate Resilient Water Management and Agriculture Practice in Rural Cambodia”, known as NAPA Follow-Up project. Prior to this, Pinreak Suos has over 10 years of experience in providing advisory and coordination support in the implementation of SIDA, DANIDA and UNDP Natural Resource and Environment Management projects through the government decentralization and deconcentration reform structures.</p>   |  |




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| <p><b>Arobindo Mahato, Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Management and Development, Tripura University, India</b></p> <p>Mr. Mahato is teaching Rural Management and Development to postgraduate students at Tripura Central University. Mahato has devoted several years to creating models for livelihood opportunities through environment-friendly technologies. Prior to joining the education field, he was associated with different institutes such as Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Company (GLPC), Development Alternatives (DA), National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) etc. During his association with Development Alternatives, he was leading the action research project “Sustainable Civil Society Initiative toward Addressing the Environmental Challenges” supported by Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC). During his engagement with NIRD, he played a very effective role in establishing Rural Technology Park (RTP), which is a hub of different eco-friendly and cost-effective technologies in India. He is also engaged in conducting research on Corporate Social Responsibility toward education for underprivileged children in India.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Paramesh Nandy, Project Manager, UNDP-BD Project of Ministry of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Dr. Nandy is currently responsible for overseeing and facilitating the implementation of the first global LDCF Adaptation Project “Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change through Coastal Afforestation (CBACC-CF) in Bangladesh”. He served as the Head of Coastal Forest Research Division of Bangladesh Forest Research Institute for over ten years. One of his significant adaptation response measures is the development of Triple F (Forest, Fish, Fruit) Model—a Mound-Ditch Model to adapt to anticipated climate risks in the coastal areas. This innovative idea was conceived in 2006 and originated from a group-based resource generation initiatives with extremely vulnerable coastal communities in Bangladesh. He was awarded for FFF innovation in the knowledge competition of International CBA5 Conference at Dhaka in March 2011. Dr. Nandy has been a member of the Bangladesh delegations to COP 15 and COP 16.</p>  |  |





## Panel 9B (14): Gender and Adaptation Mainstreaming

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| <p><b>Bernadette P. Resurreccion, Associate Professor, Gender &amp; Development Studies, School of Environment, Resources &amp; Development (SERD), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand</b></p> <p>Dr. Resurreccion is Associate Professor in Gender &amp; Development Studies at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) doing teaching, research and consulting on gender, livelihoods, migration, and natural resource management in the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. Apart from scientific papers, she has co-edited ‘Gender and Natural Resource Management: Livelihoods, Mobility and Interventions’ (Earthscan and IDRC, 2008, Taylor &amp; Francis, UK) and ‘Water Rights and Social Justice in Mekong Waters’ (Earthscan, 2011, Taylor &amp; Francis UK). She is currently advising doctoral students working on various aspects of gender and climate change adaptation in Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh and Nigeria. She has researched knowledge gaps in climate adaptation in Southeast Asia for ISET-IDRC-DFID. She served as a member of the management team of the CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food and is currently a member of the Sector Monitoring Group of AusAID’s Agriculture and Rural Development Initiatives in Cambodia.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Annemarië Reerink, Gender Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Thailand</b></p> <p>Annemarië Reerink is a gender specialist at the UNDP Asia Pacific Regional Centre whose work concentrates on gender mainstreaming in economic policy and poverty reduction programs. Before joining UNDP, she worked extensively with ILO on gender and labor issues, including rural livelihoods, entrepreneurship development, and youth employment. She obtained her PhD from the Australian National University.</p>   |  |

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| <p><b>Jeremy Stickings, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Central &amp; West Asia Department (CWAD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>Jeremy is trained as a social anthropologist who conducted two years of fieldwork in an Indonesian village before working as a freelance development consultant. He has also been Head of Social Development at the Natural Resources Institute (UK), and Senior Social Development Adviser both at DFID and in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Development in Brussels. He has worked in more than 60 countries worldwide.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Pisith Sok, Gender &amp; Climate Change Committee, Ministry of Women Affairs, Royal Government of Cambodia</b></p> <p>Pisith Sok has a Master's degree in International Environmental and Agricultural Science (IEAS) at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT), Japan. Pisith Sok is the Secretary of Gender and Climate Change Committee (GCCC) of the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) and chief office in charge of policy in Gender Equality Department of MoWA. The team (GCCC) has been working with NAPA Follow UP project that focuses on Promoting Climate Change Resilient Water Management and Agricultural Practices in Rural Cambodia. The project works on five main sectors: Agriculture, Water Resources, Environment, Local Administration, and Gender, which is responsible for integrating Gender into Climate Change of the project.</p>                             |   |
| <p><b>Bruce Ravesloot, Senior Adaptation Advisor, Poverty, Environment and Climate Change Network Asia, CARE International, Thailand</b></p> <p>Bruce Ravesloot has more than ten years of progressive work experience with (I)NGOs, the UN system and private sector consulting to the development sector in Asia and the Pacific. He has worked extensively in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam. Bruce is an experienced trainer and facilitator. His main thematic areas of expertise are design, monitoring and evaluation; food/livelihood security; DRR and post-disaster rehabilitation; mobility/migration; climate change adaptation; and gender equality and women's empowerment. Bruce is currently serving as CARE International's Senior Climate Change Adaptation Advisor for Asia, based in Bangkok.</p> |   |

## Panel 10: Ecosystem Management and Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

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| <p><b>Keith Alverson, Head of Climate Change Adaptation and Terrestrial Ecosystems Branch and Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP/DEPI, Kenya</b></p> <p>Same as above</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Robert Mather, Head, South East Asia Group, The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Thailand</b></p> <p>Robert Mather earned a PhD from Cambridge University in 1992, based on field work on primate ecology in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Robert joined WWF in 1993, coordinating a large project for the Huay Kha Kaeng-Thung Yai Naresuan World Heritage site, in western Thailand. He subsequently established the WWF Thailand Office in 1995, taking it from a start-up operation to a nationally well-known and respected organisation with 60 talented staff by 2005. During this time, Robert also helped develop, provide technical support for, and supervise implementation of projects on conservation of elephants, tigers, and marine turtles, as well as a number of environmental education programmes, protected areas management work and a major campaign on the illegal wildlife trade. He also initiated a number of innovative partnerships with the private sector. Robert started working on Mekong issues in 2001 and from 2005 to 2008 led WWF's Living Mekong Programme based out of Vientiane, Lao PDR. Robert joined IUCN in September 2008 and until early 2011 was responsible for IUCN's programme in the three countries of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Since April 1, 2011 this has been extended to include IUCN's work throughout Southeast Asia. In addition to providing overall management and supervision of IUCN's programmes in these countries, Robert is also involved in a number of IUCN flagship initiatives in the region, including Mekong Water Dialogues (MWD), Mangroves for the Future (MFF) and Building Coastal Resilience (BCR).</p> |  |

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| <p><b>Sumit Pokhrel, Energy/Climate Change Coordinator, GMS Core Environment Program, Environment Operations Center, Thailand</b></p> <p>Sumit Pokhrel has over 12 years of professional experience in the field of program coordination and development, working in Nepal, the US and the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). His diverse experience includes projects in fields such as sustainable development and poverty reduction, climate change, ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation, and energy efficiency and conservation. Prior to joining Asian Development Bank's Environment Operations Center in 2007, Sumit had been providing services to agencies such as the US Environment Protection Agency (EPA), US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), World Bank (WB) and World Health Organization (WHO). Sumit has a Master's degree in Environmental Science from Southern Illinois University, USA.</p> |    |
| <p><b>Sameer Karki, Regional Technical Advisor (Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management), Global Environment Facility, United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, Thailand</b></p> <p>Sameer Karki works for the United Nations Development Programme as the Regional Technical Advisor for Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management. He is based at UNDP Asia and the Pacific Regional Centre in Bangkok. Previously, Sameer was working as Director of Forestry and Natural Resource Management for Winrock International in Nepal. He has also worked for IUCN's Asia Regional Office in Bangkok, IUCN Nepal, an Australia-funded community forestry project in Nepal, and for the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). He holds a Masters' degree from the University of Oxford (UK) as well as another from the University of East Anglia (UK).</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Déthié Soumaré Ndiaye, Coordinator, Adaptation Fund Bureau, Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE), Senegal</b></p> <p>Dethie S. Ndiaye, a forestry expert, is currently the coordinator of the Adaptation Fund Bureau at the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE, Dakar), the first NIE accredited by the Adaptation Fund. He is also a Senior Program Officer in charge of the major programme "Natural Resources Management and Local Development", at the CSE. Dethie was a panelist at the Pan African Parliament Workshop on Climate Change organized by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung (HBS) Southern Africa Office, in 2011. He was also a speaker at the Adaptation Fund side-event on the fringe of the UNFCCC COP17 in Durban.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Alamgir Khan Gandapur, Project Director, Forest/Environment Department, Pakistan</b></p> <p>Alamgir Khan Gandapur is Project Director of the project "Development of Forestry Sector Resources for Carbon Sequestration in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan". He holds a Master's degree in Forestry, Resource Economics, Rural Development, Economics and Agriculture. He also holds a post-graduate diploma in Human Rights and Human Resource Management. At present, he is working on climate change-related issues, particularly on reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation of forests, improved forest management, sustainable forest management, and enhancement of carbon stocks.</p>   |  |

## Panel 12: Mainstream and Alternate Media

### **Craig Hobbs, CEO, Asia-Pacific Media Alliance for Social Awareness, Singapore**

Craig Hobbs has spent his professional career in media industries, first working as a journalist in Thailand and then as an account manager for a major US media monitoring company. In 1997 Craig joined the media relations team at the World Bank Group headquarters in Washington DC where he worked on the development of co-production campaigns on pro-social issues such as HIV/AIDS and climate change with media outlets including CNN International, MTV International and National Geographic, and with multi-lateral and UN agencies. In 2002 he joined the Cable & Satellite Broadcasting Association of Asia (CASBAA) in Hong Kong as Commercial Director, and then the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union in Kuala Lumpur as International Relations Manager, before founding Asia Media Monitors which was later acquired by the Australian-based Media Monitors group. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Louisiana in the US and a Master's Degree with Distinction in International Mass Media and Communication from the University of Leeds in the UK.



### **Joydeep Gupta, Director, Third Pole Project, India**

Director of the Third Pole Project run jointly by the Internews Earth Journalism Network and China Dialogue, Joydeep Gupta writes on environmental issues, commissions articles, and trains journalists interested in writing about the environment. He also teaches Science and Environmental Journalism to postgraduate journalism students. Joydeep has been on the governing council of India's Project Tiger and was a co-author of its National Biodiversity Action Plan. He is the Secretary of the Forum of Environmental Journalists in India. Joydeep has a Master's in Environmental Economics and Environmental Management from the University of York (UK). He has edited books on biodiversity and environmental studies, and has authored studies on green technology transfer, water pollution from steel factories and tanneries and policy interventions necessary to mainstream adaptation into climate change in the Himalayas.



### **Johannes Jacobus Voordouw, Executive Director, Coordinator of Programme, Panos Caribbean**

Jan J. Voordouw has been involved in environmental management and communication in the Caribbean since 1987. Currently, he is the coordinator of Programme of Panos Caribbean, a regional media development organization. From 2005-2011 he was its Executive Director. A native of the Netherlands, Jan is a development professional with broad thematic, methodological and organizational experience. He holds an M.Sc. in Biology from the Agricultural University in Wageningen, Netherlands. From 1987 to 1994, he worked as a Programme Officer for the UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme, leading its regional programs on education, training and awareness, as well as information systems.



### **Kunda Dixit, Editor, Nepali Times, Nepal**

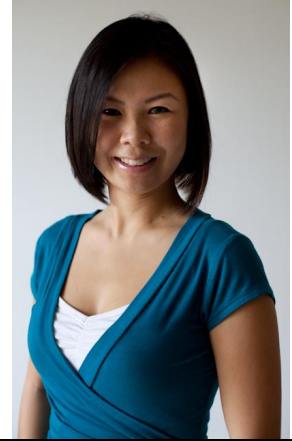
Kunda Dixit is the editor of the Nepali Times and the author of the book, "Dateline Earth: Journalism As If the Planet Mattered". He is a graduate of Columbia University and started out as a reporter for the BBC in New York. He lectures widely on media and the environment, and has covered the effects of climate change in the Himalaya.





**Jessica Cheam, Environment Correspondent, The Straits Times, Singapore**

Jessica Cheam is the housing and environment correspondent at The Straits Times, Singapore's largest and most widely-read English national daily, reporting on housing, development issues, environment, energy and climate change. She was awarded a scholarship by Singapore Press Holdings and holds a degree from the University of Warwick and a Masters in Journalism from London's Goldsmith College. During her time in the UK, she also wrote for London-based publications, including The Independent, The Times and The Ecologist. Jessica is also the founder and editor of [eco-business.com](http://eco-business.com), which is the leading provider of news and views for Asia Pacific's sustainable business community. She won a global journalism award at the Earth Journalism Awards at the United Nations Climate Summit, held in Copenhagen in December 2009. In March 2010, she was named Young Journalist of the Year by Singapore Press Holdings. In February 2011, her stories on sustainability won her the first Asean Green Technology Journalism Award by Siemens. She has a keen interest in urban development and humanitarian issues.



## DAY 2

### PLENARY 3 - Governance of Adaptation


**Thomas Beloe, Aid Effectiveness Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Thailand****Brian Dawson, Senior Climate Change Adviser, The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), New Caledonia**

Brian Dawson is currently the Senior Climate Change Adviser at the Secretariat for the South Pacific Community (SPC), based at the organization's Headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia. SPC is the largest regional organization in the Pacific and has programs covering all economic and social sectors. His primary role is to coordinate climate change activities across the organization, provide climate change policy and technical assistance to member countries, and to work closely with development partners and other regional organizations across the Pacific. Brian has over 20 years of international experience in the climate change and energy arenas. Prior to joining the SPC, he was the Climate Adviser for AusAID, Australia's international development assistance agency. Prior to this he worked for UNDP, where he was Climate Change Adviser at UNDP headquarters in New York from 2004 to 2007. He was also with the Australian Greenhouse Office for five years with various management roles covering a wide spectrum of climate change issues. He has considerable prior experience in the Pacific, including five years at the South Pacific Forum Secretariat managing the Pacific Regional Energy Programme. Brian is an economist by training with Masters in Economics from the University of Western Australia and Masters in Environmental Management from the University of London. He is a published author on a range of climate change issues.

**Heather McGray, Senior Associate, World Resources Institute (WRI), USA**



Heather McGray has led the adaptation work stream within WRI's Climate and Energy Program since 2007. Her research has emphasized national-level adaptation planning in developing countries, design of international adaptation finance programs, monitoring and evaluation, and options for the United Nations climate negotiations. Major publications by her include 'Weathering the Storm: Options for Framing Adaptation and Development' (2007). Heather recently led a WRI-wide strategy process that put in place the framework for a major new cross-institute vulnerability and adaptation initiative. Heather's previous work, within WRI's Institutions and Governance Program, focused on the role of





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| <p>transparency, participation, and access to justice in addressing environmental problems, including research and civil society training in China's Yunnan Province. Prior to joining WRI, Heather's professional experience included research on environmental management in China; research and negotiations on ISO 14000 environmental standards; coordination of an urban education and development network; and management of educational exchange programs for the Yale-China Association.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>David Jackson, Team Leader, UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Thailand</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Sean Batten, Director, Climate Change Policy and Adaptation, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Australia</b></p> <p>Sean Batten has been the manager of AusAID's portfolio of adaptation programs for the last two years (and also AusAID's REDD+ programs for part of that time). Prior to that he was an adviser to Australia's Foreign Minister on a range of aid and Pacific issues. Before 2008 he held a number of other roles in the Australian Government on broadcasting, finance, health and education policy. In his current role he manages Australia's International Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives (\$A328.2 over five years) which funds a range of activities - basic science, adaptation planning, capacity building and on-the-ground activities.</p> |  |




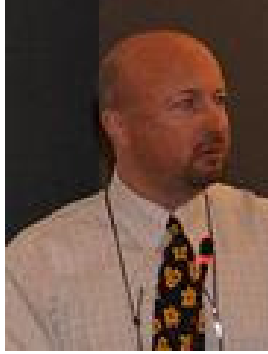
## PARALLEL SESSION III

### Panel 13: Decision-making, Public Participation and Fairness


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| <p><b>Prabhakar SVRK, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</b></p> <p>Prabhakar has been leading several research and capacity building projects on climate change adaptation at IGES since 2007. His research focuses on adaptation decision making frameworks, measuring progress in adaptation, adaptive policies, risk insurance, mainstreaming climate change adaptation considerations into national and international policy processes, community-based adaptation, and capacity building for adaptation. Before joining IGES, Prabhakar had worked with DRM program of UNDP India, RWC of CIMMYT-IRRI, CASS of IARI, and GoJ project of ICRIASAT, working in areas of disaster risk reduction focusing on drought risk mitigation, participatory research and development, conservation agriculture, training needs assessment for capacity building, decision support systems, screening cultivars for abiotic stress, and biofuels for sustainable development.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Frank Griffin, Executive Dean, School of National and Physical Sciences, University of Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guinea</b></p> <p>Prof. Frank Griffin is the Executive Dean of the School of Natural and Physical Sciences at the University of Papua New Guinea. Prior to this, he was working with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP) as the Pacific Regional Coordinator and Advisor for Pollution Prevention and Waste Management. Prof. Griffin is currently providing management and technical advice and guidance to the PNG Government Department of Environment and Conservation on matters relating to waste and chemical management and Climate Change Adaptation. He is a member of the National Technical Working Group on Climate Change Adaptation which is managed by the National Office of Climate Change and Development.</p>   |  |

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| <p><b>Ajaya Dixit, Executive Director, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), Nepal</b></p> <p>Ajaya Dixit is the research director of the Institute of Social and Environmental Transition (ISET) Nepal, which is engaged in climate adaptation research, particularly in examining the role systems play in building resilience. ISET-Nepal is one of the recipients of IDRC Think Tank Initiative Grant, and Ajaya manages that initiative as Executive Director of the organization. Ajaya Dixit also conducted Independent Technical Review of Nepal's Pilot Project on Climate Resilience (PPCR). His current research focuses on exploring approaches to developing strategies for resilience building at sub-national scale. He has written extensively on water resources, trans-boundary cooperation, flood management, environment and developmental issues.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Gurmit Singh, K.S, Chairman, Centre for Environment, Technology &amp; Development, Malaysia (CETDEM), Malaysia</b></p> <p>Mr. Gurmit Singh is an environmentalist, social activist and an engineer. He is the Chairman of CETDEM. Prior to being appointed the Chairman, he was the Centre's Executive Director from June 1985 to December 2006. He was recently appointed as Director of CETDEM's think-tank SUDI. He is also an Adviser of the Environmental Protection Society, Malaysia, and Regional Coordinator of Climate Action Network, Southeast Asia (CANSEA). For his dedicated work, the Malaysian Government awarded Gurmit the distinguished Langkawi Award in 1993 and the Sustainable Consumer Award in 2008. He also garnered an Honorary M.Sc. from Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2000. Gurmit holds an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Malaya. He has been a member of the Institution of Engineers in Malaysia since 1974.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Akhilesh Gupta, Adviser and Head, Climate Change Program, Department of Science &amp; Technology, India</b></p> <p>Dr Akhilesh Gupta is currently working as Head, Climate Change Programme Division of Department of Science &amp; Technology, Government of India, wherein he is coordinating two National Missions on Climate Change under National Action Plan on Climate Change launched by the Government of India. These missions are: (a) National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change and (b) National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem. He has been a member of National Coordination Team which drafted India's National Action Plan on Climate Change. Dr Gupta has been Adviser to Minister for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India during 2007-09. Prior to this, Dr Gupta worked in India Meteorological Department (IMD) and National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) in the areas of numerical modeling and operational weather forecasting. He has been member of India's core negotiating team on Climate Change for a few meetings of UNFCCC. Dr Gupta is an Expert Reviewer for the Working Group-I (Climate Change Science 2013: The Physical Science Basis) for the 5th Assessment Report of IPCC.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Paula Silva Villanueva, Independent Consultant, M&amp;E Technical Advisor at Institute of Development Studies (IDS), United Kingdom</b></p> <p>With over eight years of experience in research-policy-practice interface, Paula is an independent consultant and researcher focusing on issues at the interface of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and development, with particular emphasis on monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E). This follows substantial engagement as a consultant with the Climate Change and Development Centre at IDS, and five years as a Senior Programme officer at SEEDS, where she was responsible for coordination and implementation of multi-country disaster risk reduction programs in South Asia besides supporting state-level disaster management plans in India. As an independent consultant, Paula is currently developing an M&amp;E methodology for the integration of Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk management and development under the Strengthening Climate Resilience Programme, funded by DFID in partnership with IDS, Christian Aid and Plan International.</p>  |  |

## Panel 14: Climate-proofing Infrastructure




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| <p><b>James Roop, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>James Roop is a Senior Environment Specialist in Asian Development Bank's Pacific Department. He is a biologist with 15 years of experience working in over 15 Asia-Pacific countries on a range of environmental assessment, management, and climate change issues.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Norio Saito, Senior Urban Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>Mr. Saito is a Senior Urban Development Specialist in the Urban Development and Water Division in the South Asia Department of Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is currently involved in designing, processing, and implementing projects and technical assistances in the water supply, sanitation and urban development sectors in Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. He is the climate change focal point in the division, and has led the work on assessing climate change impacts on the water sector infrastructure in Khulna, Bangladesh. Prior to joining ADB in 2008, he was Director of Division 2 of the Environment Analysis Department of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and helped in developing policies on climate change issues in JBIC.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>H.E CHAN Darong, Director General for Technical Affairs and Rural Roads Improvement Project's Director, Ministry of Rural Development, Cambodia</b></p> <p>Dr. CHAN Darong is a Director General for Technical Affairs in charge of five technical departments within the Ministry of Rural Development, Cambodia. His role involves managing and coordinating implementation of programs/projects financed by international funding agencies as well as national budget in the area of rural roads development, rural water supply development, rural health care, rural economic development and rural community development. Dr. CHAN Darong has more than 20 years of experience in rural infrastructure development sector in Cambodia. He has also worked extensively with development partners. Dr. CHAN is currently working as the Project Director of Rural Roads Improvement Project financed by ADB and EDCF loans. The Nordic Development Fund provides a grant for pilot implementation of climate change adaptation component for the project.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Benoit Laplante, ADB Consultant. Climate Change Adaptation Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB) , Philippines</b></p> <p>Dr. Laplante holds a Ph.D. in environmental economics from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. He has 20 years of experience in the field of environmental policies, environmental economics, environmental financing, and in the conduct of economic valuation of environmental impacts of development projects. In South East Asia, over the course of the last 20 years, Dr. Laplante was actively involved in a large number of projects in China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Among other relevant and recent activities, Dr. Laplante was an active member of the World Bank study The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change, and is currently working with the Asian Development Bank on the economics of adaptation to climate change, in particular preparing technical guidelines to assess options to climate-proof development projects.</p>                         |  |




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| <p><b>Chloe Hanson-Boyd, Climate Change Consultant, Sinclair Knight Merz, Australia</b></p> <p>Chloe is a climate change consultant at Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM), specializing in climate change impact and adaptations. Through her role, she advises public and private organizations on their exposure to risks arising from climate change and how they might respond. Recently, Chloe provided technical and strategic advice for developing strategic planning guidelines in coastal climate change hazard management for a state government. She has undertaken numerous climate risk assessments and adaptation planning across the mining, infrastructure and local government sectors. Chloe also led the climate change vulnerability assessment of ADB's PNG Bridge Replacement for Improved Rural Access Program.</p> |  |
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## Panel 15: Public Health and Adaptation to Climate Change

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| <p><b>Jai P. Narain, Director, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environment, South East Asian Regional Office (SEARO), World Health Organization (WHO), Thailand</b></p> <p>Dr Jai P. Narain is presently the Director of Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments at the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO), spearheading WHO programs on environmental health, including climate change, non-communicable diseases, occupational health, road safety, social determinants of health, emergency and humanitarian action, and resource mobilization. Prior to that, Dr Narain led, as Director of Communicable Diseases, WHO's response in the South-East Asia Region to HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other vector-borne diseases, pandemic influenza, etc, while working closely with member countries in the SEA region. He has served as the Team Leader for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV in the WHO Regional Office for Americas (from 1988–1990), as a Medical Officer coordinating WHO TB/HIV research in HQs, Geneva (from 1990–1992), and as a Regional Adviser and Coordinator for HIV and TB in SEARO (from 1992–2004). Before joining WHO, he served at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Indian Council of Medical Research and National Centre for Disease Control in India.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Kien Tran-Mai, Climate Change Programme Officer, Mekong River Commission Secretariat, Lao PDR</b></p> <p>With 15 years of research and experience in the field of global environmental change and climate change studies, Dr Kien Tran-Mai is responsible for the formulation and implementation of the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative (CCAI). His research interests range from climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster risk reduction, climate policy, community-based adaptation and stakeholders' participation to environmental health and public health. Dr. Kien Tran-Mai holds a degree in Medical Science and Public Health, and completed his PhD in global environmental change and its impacts on public health in the Russian Federation in 2000. He has completed a Post-Doctoral research on climate change impacts on public health (with case study in Vietnam) and has contributed to several international journals and books on climate change and public health. He also teaches in several universities of Vietnam and has served as keynote speaker, resource person and presenter at many international conferences, seminars and workshops. Prior to joining the MRC in 2008, Dr. Kien was a senior researcher, and deputy director of the Vietnam National Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment (IMHEN). He has also contributed to the development and finalization of the "National Target Programme to Respond to Climate Change" (NTP RCC) and the "Viet Nam National Strategy on Clean Development Mechanism".</p> |  |
| <p><b>Tao Liu, Assistant Researcher, Guangdong Institute of Public Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Guangdong Province, China</b></p> <p>Mr. Liu is responsible for coordinating the work of the research group of the Institute on climate change and health. His main function is organizing, collecting and processing of data and writing reports for the sub-project of ACCC project-Guangdong Health Risk Assessment and Adaptive Measures Research. He has also conducted and coordinated research on health impacts of climate change, vulnerability and adaptation in Guangdong province, China.</p>   |  |


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| <p><b>Liz Hanna, Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University</b></p> <p>Dr Liz Hanna researches the impacts of Climate Change on Human Health at the Australian National University. With a background in the clinical sector, predominantly Intensive Care, Dr Hanna now addresses the environmental determinants of health, and the factors that impinge upon protective responses adopted by individuals, communities, and the systematic responses of governments in terms of health infrastructure and policy. From 2002 to 2009, Liz was the National Convener for Environmental Health for the Public Health Association of Australia. She is Australia's National Convenor of the Climate Change Adaptation Research Network for Human Health. The Australian Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency contracted Dr Hanna to provide an overview of the Human Health Impacts of climate change on the Pacific Island countries. She also devised the methodology to assess population health vulnerabilities to climate change impacts for the Victorian Government.</p>   |     |
| <p><b>Chung Hyen-Mi, Technical Officer, Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO), World Health Organization (WHO)</b></p> <p>Dr. Chung Hyen-Mi has been a Technical Officer in the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) since 2010. She supports member countries in the areas of environmental health, climate change and health, and elimination of asbestos related disease. She has been involved in climate change and health projects in Mongolia, PNG, Northern Micronesian countries, and Laos. She was a director as well as a research and technical officer at the National Institute of Environmental Research, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea, working mainly on the subjects of water microbiology, water management and safety, environmental health risk assessment, bio-safety from Living Modified Organisms and avian influenza in wildlife. Her work has been well documented in many scientific and technical journals. Dr Chung received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1993. Her dissertation topic was "Viral indicators of fecal contamination in shellfish, wastewater and ambient waters".</p> |    |
| <p><b>Rikard N. Elfving, HIV and AIDS Coordination Specialist, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>Rikard N. Elfving is a political scientist by training. His initial education was in Sweden. He has worked in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe for more than 15 years in close partnership with governments, civil society and private sector to promote and support programs on health and communicable diseases, governance, education and regional cooperation. Prior to joining ADB, he worked for SIDA (Swedish Development Cooperation) and United Nations (UNDP and UNICEF) on policy reforms and poverty eradication programs in the social sectors. He joined ADB as a consultant in 2006, and became a staff in 2009.</p>   |  |

## Panel 16: Financing Adaptation

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| <p><b>Jonathan Shaw, Deputy Director, Asian Institute of Technology - United Nations Environment Programme for Regional Resource Center in Asia and the Pacific (AIT-UNEP RRC.AP), Thailand</b></p> <p>Jonathan Shaw is Executive Director of AIT Extension, the executive and professional development arm of the Asian Institute of Technology, and concurrently the Deputy Director of the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific.</p> |  |
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| <p><b>David S. McCauley, Head, Climate Change Program Coordination Unit, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) , Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>David S. McCauley heads ADB's Climate Change Program Coordination unit, providing policy and technical direction to ADB's climate change programs at the project, country and regional levels. He is also responsible for the coordination of ADB climate change efforts with external parties, and serves as a frequent spokesperson for ADB's climate change work. Dr. McCauley has worked at ADB for eight years, and previously served as a senior consultant advisor to ADB, UNDP, UNEP, the World Bank, and others, having lived and worked in the Asia and the Pacific region for over 20 years, including as a resident of Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and with ADB in the Philippines. Prior to joining ADB, he has worked for the Ford Foundation, Harvard Institute for International Development, East-West Center, International Resources Group and USAID. He holds a PhD in resource economics from the University of Hawaii; with undergraduate training in environmental policy, biology and meteorology.</p> |     |
| <p><b>Lurraine Villacorta, Senior Project Coordinator, International Labour Organization (ILO), Philippines</b></p> <p>Lurraine Baybay Villacorta is the Project Manager of the International Labour Organization (ILO)-MDG-F Climate Change Adaptation Project (CCAP). She has spearheaded the development and testing of three models of an "Integrated Financial Package" for climate risk-vulnerable farming communities in Augusta del Norte, Southern Philippines. A bundle of financial and non-financial services, this includes Weather Index-based Insurance (WIBI) products for rice and corn. Since January 2012, Ms. Villacorta has taken on the added responsibility of coordinating the ILO response, as co-lead of Livelihood Cluster, to the impact of the Tropical Storm Sendong (Washi). Ms. Villacorta holds an M.Sc. degree (Aquaculture) from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. She has also done postgraduate studies on International Development/Gender &amp; Development in Canada and Environmental Toxicology &amp; Ecology in Spain.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Bradford Philips, Regional Climate Change Adaptation Advisor, USAID Regional Development Mission, Thailand</b></p> <p>Mr. Bradford Philips is the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Adviser with USAID's Regional Environment Office in the Regional Development Mission for Asia. He has lived and worked in the Asia-Pacific Region for over 30 years, and was most recently engaged in the areas of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center and the World Bank. His previous tenure with Asian Development Bank (ADB) spanned 20 years. His last two positions prior to his retirement in 2006 were those of Country Director for Vietnam and Director of ADB's regional Agriculture, Natural Resources and Social Sector Division. Mr. Philip has worked in most countries across Asia and has lived for a year or more in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Paul Steele, Environment Advisor, UNDP Asia Pacific Regional Centre, Thailand</b></p> <p>Paul Steele is an environment advisor with the United Nations Development Programme. He co-manages with UNEP, the Poverty Environment Initiative (PEI) which works with 10 countries across Asia and the Pacific. Before the UN he worked for the government of the UK and the government of Sri Lanka and was a consultant to many international organisations. He has published widely on climate, environment and development. He has an undergraduate degree in politics, economics and philosophy from the University of Oxford and a Masters degree in natural resource economics from the University of London.</p>  |  |



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| <p><b>Aaron Atteridge, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Sweden</b></p> <p>Aaron Atteridge has 15 years of experience working in environmental and social policy, for the private sector (Australia and the UK), governments (Australia and Canada), civil society organisations (Thailand and Canada) and the research sector (Sweden). As Research Fellow with the Stockholm Environment Institute, Aaron focuses on various aspects of international climate policy, from the geopolitics of international negotiations to climate finance, the private sector and issues around biomass energy use in developing countries. His climate finance work ranges from the role of the private sector in financing adaptation in developing countries, to the tracking of bilateral and multilateral flows of climate finance from sources to recipients, the development of international systems for measurement, reporting and verification of climate finance, and assisting donor governments with national-level definitions of adaptation finance to support public reporting.</p> |  |
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## Panel 17: Options for Island States

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| <p><b>Brian Dawson, Climate Change Adviser, The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), New Caledonia</b></p> <p>Same as above</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Diane McFadzien, Climate Change Adaptation Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Samoa</b></p> <p>Diane McFadzien is the Climate Change Adaptation Advisor at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), based in Apia, Samoa. Originally from the Cook Islands, Ms McFadzien has also worked as the national climate change coordinator of the Cook Islands government, as the Pacific Climate Change Coordinator at WWF (based in Fiji), and as Asia Pacific Policy Coordinator for WWF International, before moving to Samoa to work for SPREP in 2010. Diane's work at SPREP involves supporting a variety of adaptation projects across the Pacific region, as well as assisting countries in the international climate policy negotiations under the UNFCCC.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Yusuke Taishi, Regional Technical Specialist – Adaptation, Green Low Emission Climate Resilient Development Strategies, UNDP APRC, Thailand</b></p> <p>Mr. Taishi is currently working as Regional Technical Specialist for Climate Change Adaptation at the UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, with a portfolio covering several countries in the Pacific. Prior to this, he was with the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in UNDP, New York. Drawing upon his experience of working on the provision of financial and commodity services in low-income markets through SMEs, micro-finance institutions, and women's self-help groups, Mr. Taishi is exploring options to deliver climate change adaptation services through these vehicles in the Asia-Pacific region.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Ibrahim Naeem, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Maldives</b></p> <p>The Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency of the Maldives, Ibrahim's current responsibilities include enforcement of environment policies and environment quality standards, and conservation of the biological diversity of the country. Ibrahim is also in charge of the review of environmental impact assessment for all developmental interventions in the context of economic growth, and regulatory regime for waste management. He has attended several climate change meetings.</p>   |  |

**Nina Dwisasanti, Associate Researcher, Samdhana Institute, Member of TELAPAK (Network of environmental NGOs in Indonesia), Indonesia**

Nina Dwisasanti has been working on climate change, urban environment, fisheries and marine conservation issues, as well as coastal community empowerment and indigenous people recognition for over 25 years. Holder of a master's degree in international development policy from Duke University, North Carolina, Nina has been involved with various environmental NGOs, such as WALHI (the Indonesian Environmental Forum or Friends of the Earth Indonesia), WWF-Indonesia, Conservation International Indonesia, the Nature Conservancy – Indonesia Marine Program, Telapak (an Association of individual practitioners for sustainable community-based development), and many others. At present, Ms. Dwisasanti is an associate researcher with Samdhana Institute, a group of conservationists, development practitioners and human rights activists, doing a study on climate change adaptation of small-islanders in Eastern Indonesia.



## Panel 18: Climate-Induced Migration and Livelihood Security

**Sujatha Byravan, Senior Fellow, Centre for Development Finance(CDF), Institute for Financial Management and Research, Chennai, India**

Sujatha Byravan is Senior Fellow in the environment group at the Centre for Development Finance, IFMR, Chennai. Her interests are in the broad areas of science, technology and development. Her recent projects and publications have been on climate policy, rights of climate migrants and exiles, the impact of sea-level rise on coastal infrastructure, and specific aspects of biotechnology policy.

She is a biologist by training and was previously President of the Council for Responsible Genetics (CRG), Cambridge, Massachusetts, a non-profit/non-governmental organization devoted to fostering informed debate on the social, ethical and environmental implications of new genetic technologies. She was Director of the Fellows Program at Leadership for Environment and Development International, London.



**Bart W. Edes, Director, Poverty Reduction, Gender and Social Development Division, Regional and Sustainable Development Department; Chair, Social Development & Poverty CoP, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines**

Bart W. Edes is Director of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) Poverty Reduction, Gender, and Social Development Division, and Chairman of ADB's 220-member Social Development and Poverty Community of Practice. The division provides quality assurance, policy guidance, and technical support to ADB operations on education, gender equity, health, inclusive growth, poverty trends, social dimensions of climate change, and social protection in Asia and the Pacific. The division also generates and shares knowledge and good practices, and explores ways to harness the power of the market to address social and environmental challenges through social entrepreneurship. In his previous ADB assignments, Mr. Edes oversaw work on stakeholder participation and civil society engagement, and implemented the bank's policy on disclosure of information. Between 1994 and 2000, Mr. Edes managed communications at SIGMA, a joint initiative of the European Union and the OECD, providing support on public governance reform to countries in transition. In earlier roles, Mr. Edes has worked as a journalist, policy analyst, and specialist on international trade and foreign direct investment. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor's Degree in Government from Georgetown University.



**Francois Gemenne, Research Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), Paris, France**

François Gemenne is a research fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) and a lecturer at Sciences Po Paris, the University of Paris 13 and the Free University of Brussels. His research deals with populations displaced by environmental changes and the policies of adaptation to climate change. He has conducted field studies in New Orleans, Tuvalu, China, Central Asia, the Maldives and Mauritius. Between 2007 and 2009, he supervised the research clusters on Asia-Pacific and Central Asia of the European research project EACH-FOR (standing for 'Environmental Changes and Forced Migration Scenarios'). The project aimed to describe the empirical linkages between migration and environmental changes, in a comparative perspective. He has also been the scientific advisor of the exhibition 'Native Land. Stop Eject', held at the Fondation Cartier in Paris in Winter 2008. He has consulted for several organisations, including the International Organisation of Migration (IOM), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the ACP Observatory on Migration. In 2010, he was awarded the ISDT-Wernaers Prize for achievement in the communication of science to the general public. He holds a joint doctorate in political science from Sciences Po Paris and the University of Liege (Belgium). He also holds a Master in Development, Environment and Societies from the University of Louvain, as well as a Master of Research in Political Science from the London School of Economics. Between 2008 and 2010, he was awarded a post-doctoral scholarship from AXA Fund for Scientific Research. He has published in various journals, including Science and Global Environmental Change, and has authored three books: 'Anticiper pour s'adapter' (with L. Tubiana and A. Magnan, in French, Pearson 2010), 'Géopolitique du changement climatique' (in French, Armand Colin 2009), and 'Nations and their Histories : Constructions and Representations' (edited by Susana Carvalho, Palgrave Macmillan 2009).



**Rathana Peou Van Den Heuvel, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Institute for Sustainable Development, University of Liberal Arts, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Dr. Rathana peou van den Heuvel is an Associate Professor at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) and a member of the ULAB Academic Council. She is also the Deputy Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD), ULAB. Apart from her current position at ULAB- ISD, she has been an Independent Assessment Panel (IAP) member for SHREE (funded by DFID), responsible for screening and assessing applications by NGOs for funds. Dr. Rathana has extensive experience working on DIPECHO DRR programs in South Asia. She has consultancy and work experiences in Bangladesh and Sudan with poor and marginalized groups in rural areas. She has also worked on projects funded by donors such as DFID, UNICEF, ECHO, DAH, USAID and EU.



**Dina Ionesco, Policy Officer, International Cooperation and Partnerships, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Switzerland**

Dina Ionesco is responsible for the migration, environment and climate change thematic portfolio at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with a special focus on integrating migration into adaptation strategies. Dina has been working with IOM since 2004, developing projects, research, publications and training activities on a wide range of migration-related issues. Prior to joining IOM, Dina was working with the OECD on local development and entrepreneurship, as well as in the non-governmental sector, the academia and as an independent consultant. Dina trained in social sciences in the UK at the London School of Economics and Sussex University and at the French Institut de Sciences Politiques de Paris.



**Lailai Li, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, SEI Asia Centre, China**



Before joining SEI as Deputy Director and later on SEI Asia Centre Director, Dr Lailai Li was director of the Programme of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) and the Institute for Environment and Development in Beijing (IED), a Chinese research NGO which she founded in 1994. Lailai stepped down from her post as SEI Asia Centre Director in September 2011 and is now a Senior Research Fellow with the China Cluster based in Beijing, China. Her research has been focused on alternative development path toward greater sustainability. Among others, recently she led and managed the international collaborative research on economics of climate change in China and China ecosystem service and ecosystem management. In Beijing, she is developing a collaborative program with the Chinese partners on "Rethinking development – developing low carbon cities". She was recently elected as a delegate of the 8th Beijing Science and Technology Conference held in February 2012.










## PARALLEL SESSION IV





### Panel 19: Experiences in the IPCC

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| <p><b>Darin Klong-ugkara, News Anchor, Thai Public Broadcasting Service (Thai PBS), Thailand</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Saleemul Huq, Senior Fellow, Climate Change Group, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), United Kingdom</b></p> <p>Dr Huq's expertise lies between climate change and sustainable development, particularly from the perspective of developing countries and LDCs of Africa and South Asia.</p> <p>His current work involves building negotiating capacity and supporting the engagement of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the UNFCCC ahead of COP15. He has been conducting negotiator training workshops for LDCs, besides providing policy briefings and support to the Adaptation Fund Board. Dr Huq is also the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Mitigation in the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Joy Jacqueline Pereira, Professor, Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Institute (SEADPRI-UKM), Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia</b></p> <p>Professor Dr. Joy Jacqueline Pereira is Deputy Director of the Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Institute (SEADPRI) and Principal Fellow at the Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI), Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia. Dr. Pereira chairs the Malaysia Research Network on Climate, Environment and Development, based in LESTARI, UKM. She led the policy study on climate change under the Ninth Malaysia Plan, which resulted in the National Policy on Climate Change 2009. Dr. Pereira also contributed to the preparation of Malaysia's Second National Communication to the UNFCCC. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has appointed Dr. Pereira as Coordinating Lead Author for Chapter 24, Asia for the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5); and as Review Editor for Chapter 7 of the IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX).</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Mozaharul Alam, Regional Climate Change Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand</b></p> <p>Mozaharul Alam, better known as Babu, joined the UNEP in August 2009 as Regional Climate Change Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific Region in Bangkok. His key responsibility is to oversee and facilitate development and implementation of all climate change-related projects in the region while ensuring overall consistency with the UNEP Programme of Work (PoW). He is the focal person for Ecosystem-Based Adaptation project in Nepal and coordinates Adaptation Network for Asia and the Pacific region. He also manages the project "Capacity Building in Development of Policy Framework for Promotion of Low Carbon Emission Societies in Central Asia". He has been attending climate change negotiations since 2000, and as a member of the Bangladesh delegation for the last five years. He was also one of the coordinators of the G77 and China for Adaptation Building Block under Ad-hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) in the Bali Road Map. Besides this, he has contributed to the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as a contributing author, and is now working as a lead author of the Working Group II of IPCC for the Fifth Assessment Report.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Seree Supratid, The Sirindhorn International Environmental Park, Thailand</b></p>   |   |

## Panel 20: South-South Learning across World Regions




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| <p><b>Baas Brimer, Attaché (Cooperation), Delegation of the European Union to Lao PDR</b></p> <p>Baas Brimer holds a Master's in Science in Geo-ecology from the Freiberg University for Mining and Technology (Saxony, Germany). He joined the Young Experts in Delegation (JED) programme of the European Commission where he works as attaché in the Cooperation section being in charge of the environment, natural resources &amp; forestry (FLEGT), and climate change-related activities of the EU Delegation to Lao PDR. Baas consolidated his professional experiences for two years as an Advisor in the Consulting Division at PricewaterhouseCoopers and later as Senior Consultant at Ernst &amp; Young, Luxembourg. Baas has been focusing on projects covering a scientific and/or an environmental aspect, mainly for clients from the public sector.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Gernot Laganda, Regional Technical Advisor, Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, Thailand</b></p> <p>Gernot Laganda (Austria) is a UNDP Technical Advisor for Climate-Resilient Development with 15 years of experience in climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and rural development programming. Prior to his assignment with the UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Center, which he started in 2007, he held positions as Disaster Management Specialist with the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Programme Officer with UNDP South Africa's Environment Unit, and Regional Coordinator with an Austrian NGO in Central Asia and Afghanistan. He has worked and travelled extensively in Asia, the Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa, working with governments, donors, NGOs and International Organizations (including the European Commission) to increase the resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate change impacts and disaster risks. Gernot holds a Master's degree in Applied Geosciences (University of Leoben), alongside postgraduate Diplomas in Public Policy and Management (University of York), International Development Cooperation (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), and Disaster Management (University of South Africa).</p> |    |
| <p><b>Myoung Shin Kim, Assistant Programme Specialist, Korean National Commission for UNESCO, Republic of Korea</b></p> <p>KIM Myoung-Shin is currently coordinating the Asian Regional Initiative for Climate Change Education (RICE) Project at the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU). Prior to this, he was working for the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding. His work includes training formal and non-formal community educators and youth in peace, sustainability and other aspects of climate change. He is now a member of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Watch, which monitors and evaluates Korean ODA policies and advocates global citizenship.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Karen Bernard, Programme Specialist, Disaster Risk Reduction &amp; Recovery, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Centre, Fiji Islands</b></p> <p>Karen Bernard is Canadian who has been working on regional development programs in the Caribbean and Latin America for 12 years. She was previously based in Costa Rica and Cuba where her three children were born. She currently works as a Programme Specialist in Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery at the UNDP Pacific Centre, providing technical advisory support to 15 countries. Her prior work experience with UNDP entailed coordinating a regional program on climate risk management in the Caribbean, promoting knowledge transfer mainly via south-south cooperation and the dissemination of best practices. She holds degrees from the University of Texas and York University (Canada), as well as a Post-Graduate Diploma in Gender and Public Policies from FLACSO Argentina. Karen is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Gulzhamal Issayeva, Senior Programme Specialist, The Regional Environment Center for Central Asia (CAREC), Kazakhstan</b></p>   |  |

## Panel 21: Local & Experience-Based Knowledge

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| <p><b>Fatema Rajabali, Climate Change Convenor, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, United Kingdom</b></p> <p>Fatema Rajabali is the Climate Change Convenor at the Institute of Development Studies. Before her tenure at IDS, she worked with NGO's and research institutions in Kenya, Pakistan, India and France focusing on environmental education, water management and climate adaptation. She holds a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management from the University of Manchester. Currently, Fatema manages the Eldis Climate Change Resource Guide and is involved in the development of a briefing series on climate adaptation in Africa.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, CEO &amp; National Program Director, LEAD Pakistan and Director Asia, Climate and Development Knowledge Management (CDKN), Pakistan</b></p> <p>Ali Tauqeer Sheikh is the founding National Program Director (NPD)/CEO of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan since its inception in 1996. He specializes in institutional development, institutional reforms and change management. He has vast experience in training and facilitating multi-disciplinary expert groups on policy planning, leadership development and conflict management. Mr. Sheikh is also currently heading the DFID-funded projects Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) in Asia as the Director. In the context of climate change, he has been involved in the country as well as regional and international dialogues and consultations to discuss issues and bring concerns relevant to Asia at the forefront. He has attended numerous climate change events and is a member of several local, regional and international networks related to adaptation and mitigation. He is also a member of the Government's Task Force on Climate Change set up by the President of Pakistan. He has worked in the field of climate change with multiple stakeholders such as government, academia, private sector, media and civil society from over 90 countries. Currently, he is involved in designing and planning the Climate Change Roadmap, Work Programme on Climate Change Migration and also the Loss and Damage program for the Governments of Pakistan and Bangladesh.</p> |    |
| <p><b>Sanat Kumar Chakraborty, Editor, Grassroots Options, India</b></p> <p>Sanat Kumar Chakraborty is an independent journalist and researcher based in India's northeastern region. He reports for 'The Pioneer', one of the prominent national dailies published from New Delhi and six other states, as well as contributes articles to local and regional newspapers, magazines and journals. Besides that he also edits a magazine, 'Grassroots Options', which has been focusing on critical issues and concerns arising out of various development initiatives and policy interventions, affecting socio-economic and cultural life of the people living in the hilly region since 1995. Over the past two decades, in the course of his writing and research work, Chakraborty developed a keen interest in natural resource governance issues – land, forest, water &amp; biodiversity – and livelihood concerns of the numerous upland communities of the region. His works include "The Impact of Logging Ban in West Khasi Hills of Meghalaya," part of collaborative research work with Dr. Dev Nathan, Asian Institute of Technology (2000) and "Participatory 3D Modeling as a Tool for Community Resource Management" (ICIMOD, 2004).</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Manohar Dubey, Executive Director, Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO), India</b></p> <p>Mr. Manohar Dubey, Executive Director of Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization, (EPCO), Department of Housing and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, is an officer of the Indian Administrative Services. He has spent more than 26 years of his service in public administration and governance. As Member Secretary of the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority constituted under the Environment Protection Act -1986, he is responsible for granting clearance to development projects based on the EIA reports. He is also State Project Director of the UNDP-GoMP project on Strengthening of Climate Change Cell. He is a member of the Project Steering Committee of the Ministry and Environment and Forest &amp; GIZ project on Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Areas of India. His areas of interest include sustainable development, climate change, biodiversity conservation, and public service management application of e- governance tools.</p>  |  |



## Panel 22: Synergies between Adaptation Toolkits and Methods in Practice

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| <p><b>Dhrupad Choudhury, Action Area Team Leader, Innovative Livelihood Options &amp; Grant Coordinator (IFAD), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal</b></p> <p>Dr. Choudhury is presently coordinating an IFAD Grant on climate change and enhancement of adaptive capacity and resilience of the poor in the Hindu Kush Himalayas. The Grant has developed qualitative and quantitative assessment tools to capture community perceptions on weather change, their impacts on livelihoods and community responses to address such impacts. The tools have further helped in identifying support needs as well as institutional dependency in the context of change. Dr. Choudhury has also designed a knowledge management approach—the Adaptation Learning Highway—to facilitate horizontal and vertical knowledge exchange between communities and local government agencies to make local governance more responsive. This was piloted in India and Nepal, and interventions to address community needs have already been introduced.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Jonathan Shott, Project Manager and Disaster Management Consultant, Sustainable Development Foundation, Thailand</b></p> <p>Jonathan Shott has spent the last eight years working with rural communities in Thailand, from the hill tribes of Mae Hong Son province in the North to the gypsies of the Andaman Sea coast in the South. Initially focused on joint management of protected areas, he now works primarily on natural resource and ecosystem management, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in coastal areas inhabited by small fisher communities. Apart from his role as Project Manager and Disaster Management Consultant at SDF, Jonathan is also a member of the Thai Working Group for Climate Justice (TCJ) and acts as the National Coordinator in Thailand for the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR). Shott is currently engaged in two major climate change adaptation projects: the SCCF/GEF/UNDP funded INCA project, being implemented in collaboration with the Thai Red Cross Society in Southern Thailand, and the EU-funded BCR project being implemented in collaboration with IUCN in Eastern Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Jonathan is fluent in both spoken and written Thai.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Oyuntuya Sharavjamts, Vice Director of School of Ecology and Technology Development, Mongolian State University of Agriculture (MSUA), Mongolia</b></p> <p>A meteorological engineer by training with a Ph.D in agricultural science, Dr Sharavjamts Oyuntuya is the vice-director of School of Ecology and Technology Development (SECTD), MSUA. She also worked as an agro-meteorology engineer at the Centre of Hydrology and Meteorology in Darkhan city from 2000 to 2003. For the last 16 years, she has been focusing on research and training of personnel. She has herself attended training on climatology, expertise and agriculture science in Canada and Austria. Her previous research focused on climate change and climate change adaptation approaches. She has to her credit one monograph, three text books, and 28 scientific articles.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Rachna Arora, Technical Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), India</b></p> <p>Dr. Rachna Arora is working as Technical Expert since 2007, with Advisory Services in Environmental Management (ASEM), the Indo-German Environment Programme, jointly implemented by the Ministry for Environment and Forests (MoEF) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (formerly GTZ). With several bilateral projects under its umbrella, the programme focuses on sustainable development, resource management and environmental protection in urban and industrial areas. Dr Arora obtained her doctorate in environmental chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT), Roorkee in 2007. Her expertise lies in the field of knowledge management, results based monitoring and project evaluation, capacity development on environment, climate change adaptation in coastal communities, electronic waste management, environmental fiscal reforms and system closure in polluting industries. She also supports the conceptualization, planning and implementation of the European Commission funded projects.</p>  |  |

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| <p><b>Kenya Konno, Programme Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand</b></p> <p>Kenya Konno is a Programme Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. He was the focal point of FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme "Emergency assistance to support the recovery of agriculture livelihoods systems of flood-affected farmers" which assisted four severely affected provinces in Thailand during 2010-2011. In this project, he initiated Disaster Risk Management Training for central and local government officers involving eight departments in three ministries to facilitate cross-cutting network among key officials in flood-prone provinces and core government sectors. The training also provided practical knowledge and techniques for participatory formulation of local Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation Strategies. He has served as Deputy Director of Rural Development Division of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan, and had 10 years of professional experience in policy and programme formation/implementation on agriculture and rural development before joining FAO. He holds a Master's degree in International Agriculture and Rural Development from Cornell University, USA.</p> |  |
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## Panel 23: Provision and Application of Climate Information

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| <p><b>Xianfu Lu, Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, UNFCCC/ADB consultant, Philippines</b></p> <p>Dr Xianfu Lu is an adaptation specialist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) (on special leave from the UNFCCC secretariat). Over the past 15 years, Ms. Lu has worked on the scientific and policy aspects, and the science-policy interface of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation. She coordinated the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change from the UNFCCC Secretariat. Through various GEF-funded projects, Dr Lu provided hands-on technical support to scientists and governmental technical teams in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean in assessing climate impacts and planning for adaptation. She is an ex-officio member of the IPCC's Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impacts and Climate Analysis for the fifth assessment report.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Xu Yinlong, Professor, Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture (IEDA), Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), China</b></p> <p>Xu Yinlong, PhD, is professor of Climate Change Lab, Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture, CAAS. He worked in the Center for Climate System Research, Tokyo University as a post-doctoral fellow from 1999 to 2001, and in the UK Met Office Hadley Climate Centre as a visiting scientist in 2002 and got the authorization of using PRECIS in China. He is the PI of China's 10th Five-year (2001-2005) and 11th Five-year (2006-2010) National Key Technologies R&amp;D Program Project on Climate Change Impacts Assessment. He is the technical coordinator for physical impacts and risk assessment of China-UK-Swiss joint project titled "Adapting to Climate Change in China". He is also the coordinating lead author of Chapter 3 of "Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation of the People's Republic of China Initial National Communication on Climate Change (2004)", and one of the chief editors of "China's National Assessment Report of Climate Change (2007)". Besides this, he is the coordinating lead author of China's most-organised report, "Studies on National Strategy of Climate Change Adaptation (2011)". Yinlong also won the Scientific and Technical Award on Environmental Protection in China in 2004.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Senaka Basnayake, Department Head, Climate Change and Climate Risk Management, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Thailand</b></p> <p>Senaka is currently working as the Head of Climate Change and Climate Risk Management (CCCRM) Department of ADPC. Before joining ADPC, he was working as a scientist at the Theoretical Division of SAARC Meteorological Research Centre (SMRC), Dhaka, Bangladesh, and as the Meteorologist-in-Charge of Centre for Climate Change Studies (CCCS) of Department of Meteorology, Colombo, Sri Lanka. A PhD in Meteorology, he has vast experience in conducting research on severe weather events (thunderstorms, cyclones, squall lines), and in analyzing observed meteorological and climatological data for understanding climate change, variability and extreme weather events (floods, droughts, etc).</p>   |  |

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| <p><b>Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, Senior Technical Advisor, Strategies and Adaptation, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Thailand</b></p> <p>Pradeep Kurukulasuriya is UNDP's Senior Technical Advisor for Adaptation. He provides leadership on Energy and Environment Group programmes around the world related to climate adaptation and low-emission climate-resilient development strategies. In particular, Pradeep leads UNDP's efforts on supporting countries to access, combine and sequence financing from the global climate adaptation funds as well as other sources. An economist by training, his research findings on the microeconomic valuation of climate change impacts and adaptation options in the agriculture sector, which relies on climate and a host of other data requirements for policy analysis, has been published widely in leading international journals. Pradeep has a PhD in Environmental Economics from Yale University.</p>  |     |
| <p><b>John McGregory, Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, Australia</b></p> <p>Dr. John McGregory has been conducting research in dynamical downscaling of climate change data for 20 years. He developed the DARLAM limited-area model for that purpose, and subsequently the CCAM variable-resolution global model. John obtained his Ph.D. from Monash University in 1974 in the mathematics of fluid dynamics. Since then he has been a senior scientist at CSIRO, first at the Australian Numerical Meteorology Research Centre and subsequently at CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research. His research interests include model development, model inter-comparisons, numerical techniques and cumulus parameterization, especially as applied to dynamical downscaling of regional climate.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Charles Rodgers, Senior Environment Specialist (Climate Change Adaptation), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</b></p> <p>Same as above</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Suppakorn Chinvanho, Project Coordinator and Research Advisor, Southeast Asia START Regional Center (SEA-START RC), Thailand</b></p> <p>Currently, Mr. Suppakorn Chinvanho is a project coordinator and research advisor at Southeast Asia START Regional Center (SEA START RC), Chulalongkorn University and also Program Manager for Climate Change Adaptation Research at Thailand Research Fund. His work primarily involves in establishing network of researchers and coordinating research teams on climate change study which range from developing regional climate change scenario, developing approaches for climate change vulnerability and adaptation assessment, assessment of impact and risk of various systems/sectors to climate change as well as area-based – landscape vulnerability &amp; adaptation to climate change assessment. Mr. Suppakorn Chinvanho graduated in Bachelor in Political Science from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and Master in Business Administration from University of Bridgeport, USA. He had worked in business sectors for over 15 years with experience in management positions in various IT companies, both domestic and international firms, before turned to academic work with SEA START RC in the year 2002.</p> |  |



## Panel 24: Youth and Adaptation

### **Tek Jung Mahat, Project Manager, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal**

Born and raised in Nepal, Tek is an environment and climate change professional, development campaigner, educator, networker and communicator by practice, currently working on issues related to climate change, sustainability and mountain/rural development in the Asia-Pacific region. He started the 'Youth for Sustainable Mountain Development' (Y4SMD) and 'Media engagement in SMD advocacy' initiatives at ICIMOD, and manages the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN). He also works as a core member for preparing a regional assessment report on Rio+20 in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas (HKH) and the Asia Pacific region. Tek, together with Mr. Laxman Belbase, founded Climate Himalaya Initiative in June 2007, as the first HKH regional, informative and virtual network of climate change professionals, which came as a response to the e-conference on climate change and the Himalayan glaciers organized by the duo earlier that year. He is also running the environment professionals' group called Water, Climate Change and Biodiversity Information Network since 2005 with a membership of over 600 people around the globe. Tek has attended several courses on climate change and sustainability in China, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Nepal, South Korea and UK. He will be attending the Adaptation Forum for the second time with the responsibility of managing a special panel on 'Youth and Adaptation'.



### **Sanjay Vashist, Director, Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs)**

Sanjay Vashist is advising Climate Change Programme of Heinrich Boell Foundation in India besides directing Climate Action Network in South Asia (CANSAs). Prior to this, he worked with TERI as a climate change expert. With his natural resource management qualification and experience, he has been involved in implementing livelihood projects in Central India, and is presently drafting State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) for the Indian state of Nagaland in the North-Eastern hills. In the SAPCC, he focused on integrating climate actions in Forests and Livelihoods Sectors that are already hit by erratic changes in temperature and rainfall. For the last few years, he has been following the post-2012 discussions from the perspective of developing countries. He also worked as International Coordinator for Climate Action Network International (CANI) in Bonn, Germany, coordinating the activities of ENGOs (environmental NGOs) besides acting as a focal point for the ENGOs' constituency of observers under the UNFCCC. Prior to pursuing a career in climate change science and action, Vashisht used to work as a natural resource scientist among rural communities of Central India, implementing community-based projects for strengthening sustainable livelihoods.





### **Craig Hobbs, CEO, Asia-Pacific Media Alliance for Social Awareness, Singapore**

Same as above

### **Lucia Grenna, Head, Communication for Climate Change, World Bank**


Lucia Grenna heads the unit specializing in Communication for Climate Change at the World Bank operational communication division, where she has been working since 1999. She is author of several articles and publications on communication for development. She was the task manager for the First World Congress on Communication for Development (WCCD, Rome 2006) that brought together for the first time more than 800 communication professionals engaged in development initiatives, policy- and decision-making, NGOs, community representatives, and academics from around the world to discuss how to mainstream development communication into development policies and practice. Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked as a journalist in print and electronic media and produced hundreds of interviews on issues related to economic and social development. Mrs. Grenna also produced and marketed several multinational movies and documentaries, and was a team member of the World Bank/CNN Millennial campaign. In addition, Mrs. Grenna has worked with the private sector, UN agencies and European Union. An Italian national, she speaks English, Italian and Spanish.




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| <p><b>Tanzima Shahreen, Communication and Outreach Expert/Junior Research Assistant, Boishakhi Television, Unnayan Onneshan, Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Ms Tanzima Shahreen is working in the Climate Change, Biodiversity &amp; DRR Unit at Unnayan Onneshan. She has conducted several research projects on climate change adaptation, focusing mainly on livelihood and natural resource management. Besides this, she works with Environmental Alteration Ltd, an environmental consultancy service. Tanzima has also worked as a communications and outreach expert in Boishakhi Television for a documentary titled “Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction”.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Kevin Charles Kettle, Project Development Officer, SEAMEO SPAFA, Thailand</b></p> <p>Kevin has been working in Southeast Asia since 1992. His main area of interest is the correlation between culture and development initiatives and hence, he has focused his attention on this topic by organizing a series of activities, including 16 workshops and four international conferences. His publication, Guidelines for Managing the Integration of Culture into Development Programmes, is intended as a practical toolkit for facilitators working in development. Recently, he held six workshops specifically for youth on culture and development. Climate change was cited as a major concern by the participants and thus a platform was provided for youth through the hosting of a Forum titled, “Youth Action on Climate Change; Exploration through Cultural Expression” in January 2011.</p> |  |

## PLENARY 4 – Linking Knowledge and Action

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| <p><b>Dr. Monthip Tabucanon, The Royal Institute of Thailand, Former Director General, Department of Environmental Quality Promotion, Thailand</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Saleemul Huq, Senior Fellow, Climate Change Group, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), United Kingdom</b></p> <p>Same as above</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Kazuza Yasuhara, Professor Emeritus, Ibaraki University, Japan</b></p> <p>Dr. Kazuya Yasuhara is currently Professor Emeritus and International Research Coordinator at the Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science, Ibaraki University, Japan. He was leader of a sub-project on “The Influence of Climate Change on Coastal Infrastructure” which was included as a research subject entitled “Comprehensive assessment of climate change impacts to determine the dangerous level of global warming and to determine appropriate stabilization targets of atmospheric GHG concentration” (2005–2009) by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Japan. He is involved as a sub-leader of another MOE project on the vulnerability index and adaptation scheme in the Asian-Pacific region (2010-2014). In addition, he has just started as the leader of the Grant-in-Aid Project (2011-2013) from MEXT on “Integrated Monitoring System for Adaptation Strategies on the Vietnamese Coast”.</p> |  |

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| <p><b>Victorino Aquitania, Regional Director, Southeast Asia Secretariat, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Philippines</b></p> <p>Vic Aquitania is the Regional Director of ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat, and manages a team of experts and consultants within the Southeast Asia region and other regions where ICLEI operates. He works directly with the other offices of ICLEI along with external support agencies (USAID, ADB, Canadian International Development Agency) and national governments (Department of Energy, Department of Environment) to develop and implement ICLEI's campaigns and projects in Southeast Asia, which cover issues ranging from local participatory governance, water and sanitation, cleaner mobility and climate change, to sustainability management. Prior to this, he worked with the local government of Baguio City, where he was responsible for all aspects of project management, human resource management, monitoring, evaluating, data collection and report writing, etc, for 14 years.</p> |  |
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## Closing Ceremony

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| <p><b>Youth Representative: Tian Wang, Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, USA</b></p> <p>Tian Wang completed her Master's degree in Environmental Management from Yale School of Forestry &amp; Environmental Studies in May 2011. While at Yale, she conducted an institutional analysis of adaptation governance in Ningxia Province, northwestern China, to examine good governance principles for adaptation and assess the effectiveness of the current practices in Ningxia. She has also worked with the World Resources Institute (WRI) on a vulnerability and adaptation project, and with the Open Space Institute on a research on climate change impacts on drinking water quality in the US. Tian is originally from Beijing, China, and has an environmental sciences background from the Peking University.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Ahmed Saleem, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Environment, Maldives</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Said Irandoust, President, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand</b></p> <p>Professor Said Irandoust, a Swedish national, is the president of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) based in Thailand with affiliated centers in Vietnam and Indonesia. Prior to joining AIT, Prof Irandoust was the Vice Chancellor of the University of Borås, Sweden, from 2001–2005. Development of strong research environments, internationalization, partnership with stakeholders and development of a new university concept "The first Swedish University of Professions" were among the key projects during his presidency. Before that he worked with one of Sweden's leading universities, Chalmers, from 1990 to 2000, with his last position being that of Vice President. As the Vice President at Chalmers, he initiated and supervised a number of development projects within higher learning, further education for professionals, and internationalization. He was Chair of the Swedish Government's Committee for promoting mathematics and member of the Swedish Government's Committee for widening recruitment to universities. He served as a Member of the Board of the National Museums of World Culture, Sweden. He also served as a Member of the Board of Engineers without Borders, and was on the Board of the Swedish Foundation for Internationalization of Research and Higher Education (STINT). Professor Irandoust has received the Medal of Progress from the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from the Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics in Moscow.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Hideyuki Mori, President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</b></p> <p>Same as above</p>  |   |



**AnnaMaria Oltorp, Counsellor, Head of Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of Sweden, Thailand**

AnnaMaria has headed Sida's regional collaboration with Asia and Myanmar since 2008, first out of Sida Headquarters in Stockholm, and since August 2011 at the Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok. In Stockholm, she was also responsible for the DPRK-related work and phasing out of collaboration with Laos, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Timor Leste. Between 2002 and 2008, she worked in different capacities in Sida's department for research collaboration (SAREC). Initially managing support to regional research organisations in Asia, Africa and Latin America and during the last years heading the division for Social sciences and health research, as well as Sida's work as a research council. Before that she worked as a research fellow and lecturer at Stockholm School of Economics, specializing in development and environmental economics. She was also a lecturer at Cambodia Development Research Institute from 1995 to 1996.



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