

## Speakers' Profiles

Host and Moderator: Ms. **Maeve Nightingale**, *Senior Programme Officer, Marine and Coastal IUCN Asia Regional Office*



**Maeve Nightingale** is a Senior Programme Officer leading the IUCN Asia Regional Coastal and Marine Programme as well as regional focal point for gender equality and HRBA.

She holds a BSc in Marine science (University of London) and MSc in Fisheries and Aquaculture (University Bangor) and has 22 years international experience working with International Development Organizations.

Her work focuses specifically on addressing the multiple issues associated with sustainable coastal resource management, including Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change mitigation and adaptation, through resilience building and integrated coastal management policy and practice, across South and Southeast Asian countries.

Opening Remarks: Mr. **Takahashi Kazuaki**, *Director, Climate Change Adaptation Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MoEJ)*



**Takahashi Kazuaki** joined the Ministry of the Environment in 1998. He has served for more than 20 years in various roles in the Ministry including chemical management and mercury management based on the Minamata Convention on Mercury at Office of Mercury Management, Environmental Health Department.

He was involved in interim storage of soil and waste generated from decontamination works at Fukushima Regional Environment Office, as well as aquatic environment conservation at Water Environment Division, Environment Management Bureau. He has been the Director of Climate Change Adaptation Office since April 2019.

Stream  
Presenter:

Mr. **Raphael Glemet**, *Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Regional Office*



**Raphael Glemet** is the Programme Coordinator for Water and Wetlands at the IUCN Asia Regional Office in Bangkok, as well as regional focal point for Nature Based Solutions, the UNFCCC and the Ramsar Convention.

He holds a MS in Wetlands Management and Engineering (University of Angers, France). He has fourteen years of experience working on environmental conservation with governments, INGOs, and intergovernmental organisations, covering a range of topics including water and transboundary cooperation, wetlands management,

coastal ecosystems, fisheries and nature based solutions for resilience.

Inspirational  
Talk:

Dr. **Ashok Khosla**, *Development Alternatives Group & TARA, India*



**Ashok Khosla** chairs the Board of the Development Alternatives Group. Headquartered in New Delhi and set up in 1983, the DA Group was the first social enterprise to address the issues of sustainable development by creating business-like approaches for eradicating poverty and regenerating the natural resource base. He chairs TARAlife, the network of enterprises to create jobs and deliver basic needs in rural India. He served for ten years as Co-Chair of the UN's International Resource Panel. He was President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) from 2008 to 2012 and President of the Club of Rome from 2005 to 2012.

He became the first Director of the Indian Government's first Environment agency in 1972 and then Director of Infoterra in the United Nations Environment Programme from 1976 to 1982. He has had several official assignments in India and internationally, such as Special Advisor to the Brundtland Commission (WCED), Chair of the '92 NGO Forum at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the Rio+20 Conference. He has served on the Boards of several international environment and conservation organizations. In India, he has served as a member of the National Security Advisory Board, the Science Advisory Council to the Cabinet and the National Environment Board. He is a member of the International Advisory Council of the Caixa Bank in Spain. He is an Officer of The Order of the British Empire (OBE), and has received the UN Sasakawa Environment Prize, the WWF Duke of Edinburgh Medal, the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, the Schwab Foundation Award for Outstanding Social Entrepreneur and the Stockholm Challenge Award. He studied at Peterhouse, Cambridge University and in the Physics Department of Harvard University.

Panellists: Dr. **Barney Dickson**, *Senior Programme Management Officer, UNEP*



**Barney Dickson** has been working on climate change issues for over ten years and has been with UN Environment Programme for over five years, where he is a Senior Programme Officer. His current focus is on the use of nature-based solutions to strengthen climate change adaptation.

Barney recently ended an 18-month secondment to the Global Center on Adaptation where he was Co-Director of the Global Commission on Adaptation. Before joining UNEP, he was at the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge. There he headed the Climate Change and Biodiversity Programme.

Ms. **Fatema Rajabali**, *Associate Programme Officer, Adaptation Programme, Nairobi Work Programme, UNFCCC*



**Fatema Rajabali** coordinates a portfolio of climate change adaptation projects/activities for the Nairobi Work Programme at the UNFCCC. She leads on the biodiversity and climate change adaptation thematic work.

Fatema's recent work has focused on: climate information services in sub-Saharan Africa; political economy of climate change adaptation; and implementing and evaluating strategies for research uptake to inform decision-making processes

Mr. **Joshua Wycliffe**, *Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Waterways and Environment, Government of Fiji*



**Joshua Wycliffe** brings with him several years of International Development, Public Service, Environment, Local Government, and Infrastructure expertise. He has spearheaded transformational programs across government functionaries in multiple countries (in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, the Subcontinent and the Asia Pacific). A key success for him has been the modelling and implementation of environmentally and economically resilient community solutions internationally.

Joshua is the Permanent Secretary, for the Ministry of Environment, Government of Fiji and holds a diverse portfolio of Government

portfolios. This includes Environment, Local Government and Urban Development. Joshua's previous appointments internationally include working with the Governments of Australia, New Zealand, India, and the SADC. He has led commercialisation of Infrastructure into environmental friendly portfolio of assets He has also been instrumental in establishing sustainability programs through Private and Public Partnerships (PPP) model. A major success was the development of Microenterprise development and capacity building enterprise and business units that ensured household economic sustainability, education, and community employment.

Joshua sits on several boards (globally). His passion is to develop climatically and economically resilient community solutions involving newer technologies. Create and sustain government options that can foster employment, build capacity and develop innovative outcomes.

Ms. **Sesimani Marie Topui Lokotui**, *GEF Small Grants Programme, National Coordinator, Tonga*



**Sesimani Marie Topui Lokotui** believes Tonga is the land where time comes to stand still. Invention and Innovation, ideas and technologies has arrived on our shores and accumulates. The influx of modern western amenities, ideologies and beliefs together with the population fluctuations coupled with the impacts of global climate changes leaves the island nation, it's people and environment, vulnerable and at risk.

She holds an undergraduate Science degree in Forensic Science (Australia) and has spent the over 10 years working in different sectors from private businesses to government offices. She has recently

worked on one of the Climate Resilience Sector project, investigating water resources throughout the island groups in Tonga. Sesimani has joined the GEF SGP early April 2018.

Closing  
Remarks:

Ms. **Lis Mullin Bernhardt**, *Programme Officer, Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP*



**Lis Mullin Bernhardt** is an international development and environment professional who has been working at the environment/policy interface since 2002, serving at UNEP's headquarters since 2016. She has extensive experience in the area of global environmental change, freshwater issues and the SDGs, having served for seven years in the UN's inter-agency coordination mechanism for water, UN-Water, including in New York during the establishment of the 2030 Agenda.

Lis has been in UNEP's Climate Change Adaptation Unit since November 2019 and currently serves as the Coordinator of the [Global Adaptation](#)

[Network](#), an initiative that shares key adaptation knowledge and information around the world.