



## Media Interview Availability for GGGI Director-General Dr. Frank Rijsberman

73<sup>rd</sup> UNGA and  
NY Climate Week

On-Site Between:  
September 23 – September 28, 2018

### Announcement

The Director General of the Global Green Growth Institute, Dr. Frank Rijsberman, will be attending the **73rd UNGA in New York City**. He will be on site in NYC between Sunday September 23 and Friday September 28, participating in many side events and will be available for media interviews.

#### Events Organized by Other Organizations (GGGI Speaking Role)

Event Name	GGGI Speakers	Organizer	Date	Time	Location
Partnership for the Green Growth and the Global Goals (P4G) Board Meeting	Frank Rijsberman	P4G	24 Sept	15:00 – 17:30	World Economic Forum Offices
Partnering for Green Economic Growth @ Sustainable Development Impact Summit	Frank Rijsberman	World Economic Forum	24- 25 Sept	11:00 – 13:00	Convene (venue)
Tackling the Energy Sector @ Sustainable Investment Forum	Frank Rijsberman	UNEP Finance Initiative and Climate Action	26 Sept	14:00 – 14:40	Crowne Plaza
Leveraging Green Growth Potential in Vulnerable Countries	Frank Rijsberman	UN-OHRLLS & GGGI	28 Sept	13:15 – 14:30	Conference Room 5, UN Headquarters

#### Social Media Handles to Follow and Tag

Subject	Twitter	Hashtag
Frank Rijsberman	@FrankRijsberman	#GreenGrowth
Global Green Growth Institute	@GGGI_HQ	#GreenGrowth
United Nations General Assembly	@UN, @UNDGACM_EN	#UNGA, #UNGA2018
Partnership for the Green Growth and the Global Goals (P4G)	@P4GPartnerships	#P4G
Sustainable Development Impact Summit		#WEFImpact
Sustainable Investment Forum	@Climate_Action_	#SInvNA
World Economic Forum	@WEF	#WEF
UNEP Finance Initiative	@UNEP_FI	#UNEP_FI

## Frank Rijsberman Biography

Dr. Frank Rijsberman leads the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in supporting governments transition towards a model of economic growth that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. With over 30 years' experience addressing the challenges of environmental sustainability and poverty reduction with leading international organizations and philanthropic foundations, Dr. Rijsberman was appointed as the Director-General of the Institute, on October 1, 2016.

Upon assuming his position, Dr. Rijsberman has engaged with senior international stakeholders to drive the green growth agenda and help mobilize finance for climate action and sustainable development. As an advocate for sustainable development, Dr. Rijsberman is focused on supporting GGGI Member and partner governments to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and achieve their Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets. His priorities are to support collaborative NDC implementation among GGGI Members, as outlined under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and assist its Member governments to green their investment to deliver inclusive, pro-poor green growth, as well as climate action.

Prior to joining GGGI, Dr. Rijsberman served as Chief Executive Officer of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Consortium. In this role, he led CGIAR's transformation from 15 independent research centers towards a single integrated organization. This included a process of cultural and institutional change towards results-based management, including the development of the Consortium's 2016-2030 Strategy and new portfolio of research programs for 2017-2022, building an integrated organization and governance structure, and developing its policies and procedures to ensure accountability.

From 2010 to 2012, Dr. Rijsberman was the first Director of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he developed a strategy to help achieve universal access to sustainable sanitation services using radical new technologies and innovative market-based mechanisms.

Dr. Rijsberman also has worked as Program Director at Google.org, the philanthropic arm of Google, where he led grant making in the public health initiative and was responsible for programs and partnerships in health, disaster response, geo-informatics, and climate-change adaptation.

Before working at Google, Dr. Rijsberman was Director-General of the International Water Management Institute, an international research institute with HQ in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He holds a PhD degree in water resources management and planning from Colorado State University (US) and a MSc and BS in Civil Engineering from Delft University of Technology (Netherlands).

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### About GGGI

Founded to support and promote the mainstreaming of green growth, GGGI programs and projects target economic growth that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. Headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea, GGGI has 28 members with operations in 28 countries.