THE 7TH GREEN ROUND TABLE

Green New Deal and its potential in Post COVID-19 recovery

June 24th, 2020, 15:00 ~ 20:00
The Westin Chosun Seoul Hotel, Grand Ballroom
The 7th Green Round Table is themed “‘Green New Deal’ and its potential in Post COVID-19 recovery.”

As governments make effort to find ways to mitigate and recover from the fallout of COVID-19, discussions on how to make the recovery process greener is high on the agenda. This has brought more attention to Korea when we announced a new policy package, ‘Korean New Deal,’ which encompasses a ‘Green New Deal’ aimed at creating new green jobs and businesses while securing more green investments.

This year’s ‘Green Round Table’ will focus on Korea’s ‘Green New Deal.’ The first session titled “Economic Recovery and Climate Response in Post COVID-19: Why the Green New Deal Matter?” will begin with discussions on why the Post COVID-19 economic recovery package needs to be ‘green.’ The session will provide an overview of the economic policy initiatives and plans from the government side based on arguments that emphasize the need for such policies to include ‘green’ elements.

This will be an opportunity to forecast what Korea can achieve as host of the next P4G Summit in 2021. Expectations from green leaders such as the UK and EU will put to the table what ambitions are needed and how the Summit can become a stepping stone towards COP26.

The second session titled “Sharing Country Experiences and Lessons for Korea: How can we achieve successful Green New Deal?” will focus more on what other leading countries are doing to green their efforts. It is important to understand that these policies are not mere rhetoric but translate into on the ground projects and businesses that we can emulate. Experiences from EU, Denmark and UAE will be shared.

At the same time, specific works led by GGGI, GCF, P4G and KOICA will be presented to see what efforts are made by international organizations and initiatives as well as ODA agencies towards 2030 global goals. Innovative partnerships that have market impact and potential of replicating in other parts of the world will be introduced to showcase how projects can make a difference.

The 7th Green Round Table is organized in close collaboration with the Global Green Growth Institute, Korea Development Institute, Climate-KIC(Knowledge and Innovation Community) supported by the European Institute of Innovation & Technology and other key partners.

Questions
1. Why do we need to go green in the Post COVID-19 era?
2. How can Korea build on the current Green New Deal to meet the longer term global goals?
3. How can the P4G Summit become a stepping stone towards a successful COP26?
4. Can you share with us the EU countries’ experience with the net zero by 2050 policy and how they envisage the way forward on the climate ambition?
5. What are the key elements of the Korean New Deal? How green is it?
6. What are the more details of the Green New Deal and how will this recovery package evolve towards 2030?

Questions
1. What is the global trend of economic recovery policies on COVID-19? Is it green enough?
2. What green experiences can EU, Denmark and UAE share with the rest of the world?
3. What are the challenges and opportunities of international organizations and ODA agencies in these difficult times? What are your green achievements?
4. How can P4G contribute in the process? What are some of the leading partnerships?
5. What are we doing right? What can we do better? Can there be a linkage between the short term policies and mid-to-longer-term global goals?
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**Opening Remarks**

Kang Kyung-wha
Minister of Foreign Affairs

"H.E. Kang Kyung-wha was appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea by President Moon Jae-in in June 2017. She is the first woman appointed to the position.

Minister Kang previously held multiple senior positions at the United Nations, including as Senior Advisor on Policy to the UN Secretary-General. Prior to her role as Senior Advisor, she also served as Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and Assistant Secretary-General for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. In October 2016, she was appointed by then-Secretary-General-elect, Antonio Guterres, as Chief of the Secretary-General-designate Transition Team.

Minister Kang has dedicated her life to public service for over three decades, holding various roles within the Republic of Korea’s National Assembly, academic institutions, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies from Yonsei University and a Doctorate in Communication from the University of Massachusetts."

**Congratulatory Remarks**

Ban Ki-moon
GGGI President & Chair, Eighth UN Secretary-General

On February 20, 2018, Mr. Ban Ki-moon was unanimously elected as the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council by the two respective governance organs of the Global Green Growth Institute. His leadership has been instrumental for the Institute to help its Members adopt the green growth—environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive—model of development.

Previously, he served two terms as the Eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations from 2007 to 2016. He successfully initiated global action to combat climate change that culminated in the adoption and rapid entry into force the landmark Paris Climate Change Agreement in 2016. He worked closely with member states to shape the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to establish UN Women, the latter of which advances global gender equality and women’s empowerment.

Prior to leading the UN, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. His 37-year career as a diplomat included, among others, postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C., and Vienna.

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Jung-wook Kim received BS in Civil Engineering from Seoul National University, MS in Environmental Engineering from University of Rhode Island, and PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He was the dean of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University, the secretary of Asia-Pacific Environmental Council, and headed numerous environmental NGO groups and academic societies. Now he is serving for the government as the chairperson of the Presidential Committee on Green Growth, which is in charge of developing basic national policies such as on climate change, energy, resources, land-use, and the over-all environment toward green growth. Dr. Kim has published thirteen books including Nuclear-Free School, I Object—a True Report on the Four Major Rivers Project, Energy Revolution, Environmental Crisis and Survival Alternatives for the New Millennium and numerous academic articles.

Member of the Special Committee on Energy at the NA (2018–)
Chief Secretary to the Chairman of Democratic Party of Korea (2018–)
Member of the Trade, Industry, Energy, SMEs and Startups Committee at the NA (2018–)
Member of the National Assembly (Nowon-byung, Seoul), Republic of Korea (2018–)
Head of the Nowon District Office, Seoul, Republic of Korea (two terms) (2010–2018)
Secretary for Policy Coordination, Office of President, Seoul, Republic of Korea (2006–2007)
Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination, Office of president, Seoul, Republic of Korea (2003–2006)
Member of the Seoul Metropolitan Council, Seoul, Republic of Korea (1998–2002)
Member of the Nowon District Council, Seoul, Republic of Korea (1995–1998)
Graduate School of Public Administration, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea (1999)
Department of Law, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea (1990)
SESSION 01.

Economic Recovery and Climate Response in Post COVID-19
“Why the Green New Deal matters?”

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Deputy Minister of Living Environment Policy Office, Ministry of Environment
Green New Deal in Korea

Jong-il You, KDI School of Public Policy and Management

2. Content: Perspectives on the Korean Green New Deal
3. Convert: Can S. Korea Become Really Green and New?

1. COVID-19 and the Korean New Deal

A. Early Successes in Fighting COVID-19
  Flattening the Curve with More Innovation and Less Distancing

South Korea Reports No New Domestic COVID-19 Cases
Nearly confirmed COVID-19 infections in South Korea

Statista
1. COVID-19 and the Korean New Deal

A. Early Successes in Fighting COVID-19

- Containing the Economic Damage by Avoiding Lockdown

OECD Economic Outlook, June 2020
“The world economy on a tightrope”

2020 Korean growth rate forecast is the best among 49 major countries, -1.2%.

B. No Easy Way Out

- Economy: Structural weaknesses and institutional inadequacies

S. Korea exports in May plunge 23.7%, extending double-digit drop for 2nd month

Loss of 2 million jobs (decline of 0.87M in those working + increase of 0.59M in lay-off + increase of 0.55M in inactive population), over 7% of workers, relative to trend

C. Economic Policy Measures

- Emergency Relief and Stimulus

‘It’s Not Over’

Korean government measures and financial support for affected industries.
1. COVID-19 and the Korean New Deal

C. Economic Policy Measures

- Evolving “Korean New Deal”
  - 4.22, [Fifth Emergency Economic Policy Meeting] Government to Inject 90 Trillion Won to Maintain Jobs: South Korea’s “New Deal”
  - 5.7, Digital New Deal
  - 5.10, Human New Deal (Employment security)
  - 5.12, Green New Deal
  - 6.3, Triad Plan (3rd Supplementary Budget Proposal)

Total Support: 151+90+35 = 276 T Won

1. COVID-19 and the Korean New Deal

D. From COVID-19 Crisis to the Triad Plan

2. Perspectives on the Korean Green New Deal

A. How It Came About

- “Leading Country” ambitions
- General Election
- Jobs!

“It’s clear that we must move forward with Green New Deal — in light of the expectations from the international community and the demands from the civil society.”

“Through Green New Deal, we will make our way to sustainable growth — creating new markets, industries and jobs while actively countering the climate change.”
2. Perspectives on the Korean Green New Deal

B. New Deal Budget Plan (2020~25)

- Long-term Korean New Deal budget plan (Unit: trillion won)
  - 2020: 26.2
  - 2021-22: 5
  - 2023-25: 45

- 31.3 trillion won
- Creating 550,000 jobs
- Strengthening social safety net
- Total 5.1

D. Is It Green Enough?

- Gone with the Election
- Where Are These Goals?

C. Green New Deal Projects for 2020

- Promote low-carbon & eco-friendly manufacturing
- Promote low-carbon & distributed generation technology
- Promote new renewable energy production
- Replace old public vehicles with eco-friendly ones

E. Why So Un-ambitious?

- Difficult transition
  - The 3rd highest polluter in the world per capita in 2016
  - The 4th largest importer of coal
  - The 3rd biggest public investor in overseas coal plants
2. Perspectives on the Korean Green New Deal

E. Favorable Look

- No More!
- Yes Jobs!

3. Can S. Korea Become Really Green and New?

A. Mobilizing Forces for Change

- Inputs into Preparation of the Government Budget for 2021
- Legislation of Green New Deal Laws
- National Council on Climate and Air Quality (NCCA)
- Civil Society

- Could a green new deal turn South Korea from climate villain to model?

B. Improving the Government Plan

- Establishing Vision and Specific Goals of the Green New Deal
- Devising a Detailed Roadmap and Policy Instruments
- Putting In More Money and Creating Effective Governance Mechanisms
3. Can S. Korea Become Really Green and New?

C. Building Social Consensus

E. Dynamic Korea – Reason for Optimism

- The first half of the last 100 years: colonial rule, division and the Korean War, poverty and dictatorship
- The second half of the last 100 years

D. The COVID-19 Crisis as an Opportunity

Q&A
Yannick Glemarec is the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund. He was appointed by the GCF Board at its 22nd meeting and took office on 3 April 2019. Yannick has 30 years of international experience in climate change, development and finance, and their interrelationships. He served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme in UN Women from 2015 to 2018, overseeing services provided by close to 2,000 UN Women staff in over 80 countries worldwide. Before joining UN Women, he was Executive Coordinator of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in New York from 2013 to the beginning of 2015. He was responsible for the design and administration of about 100 UN trust funds supporting humanitarian, post-conflict, development and climate action in over 100 countries. Previously, he served first as UNDP Deputy Executive Coordinator and then as UNDP Executive Coordinator for the Global Environment Facility in New York from 2003 to 2012, where he oversaw the formulation and implementation of a USD 6 billion portfolio for climate change management, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable natural resources management. Earlier, he worked with UNDP in increasingly senior development and environment programme positions in Switzerland, Viet Nam, China and Bangladesh. Yannick holds a PhD from the University of Paris in Environment Sciences, and two Master’s degrees in Hydrology and in Business Administration. He has authored several publications in the field of risk management, renewable energy, climate finance, and co-benefits between human rights, gender equality and climate action. He is the third Executive Director of the Fund.

Dr. Jong-Il You graduated from Seoul National University and received his Ph. D in Economics from Harvard University. He taught at University of Cambridge, UK, University of Notre Dame, USA and Ritsumeikan University, Japan before taking Professorship at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. He also held Visiting Professor positions at University of California, San Diego, USA and University of Beijing, China.

He has published numerous articles in such areas as economic growth, income distribution, macroeconomic policies, development and labor issues. He has also authored and edited fifteen volumes, including his most recent brainchild and an influential policy proposal, ‘A Transformative New Deal’. As an active policy advisor, Dr. You served as a member of the Presidential Committee on Northeast Asia Economic Hub and chaired the Special Committee on Economic Democracy of the Democratic Party.

He also served as a member of the Public Funds Management Committee, the Advisory Committee for the Constitutional Revision Committee of the National Assembly, and the Commission on Financial Administration Reform. In addition, Dr. You has been an influential advocate of economic and political reforms as a broadcaster, columnist, and a leader in civic movement. He founded and led Knowledge Cooperative for Good Governance, a network of reform-minded researchers, and Jubilee Bank, an NGO working to help the debt-stricken.
Dr. Tom Mitchell has over 15 years management and leadership experience in senior roles in purpose-driven organisations. Tom has expertise on tackling climate change, building innovation ecosystems, and reducing disaster risk. He is currently Chief Strategy Officer and Statutory Director for EIT Climate-KIC, with offices in 16 countries and 300 staff. During his time at EIT Climate-KIC he has guided the development and implementation of the new strategy, ‘Transformation, in Time’, prepared and secured funding for EIT Climate-KIC’s programmes, and help bring transformational, systemic change to locations across the globe.

Tom has a PhD in climate and disaster risk management and has published widely on climate resilience. Before joining EIT Climate-KIC, Tom led the climate change team at the Overseas Development Institute, supported UN policy on disaster risk reduction and served as a coordinating lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Ambassador for Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (2018–)
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the State of Kuwait (2016)
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Korean Permanent Mission to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland (2013)
Director-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment (2011)
Secondment to the Presidential Committee on Green Growth (2010)
Director, Energy and Climate Change Division, International Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFAT (2008)
Consul, Korean Consulate General in Toronto, Canada (2000)
First Secretary, Korean Embassy in Mongolia (1995)
Second Secretary, Korean Embassy in Japan (1992)
Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (1987)
Passed High Diplomatic Service Examination (1987)
M.A. in International Studies, University of Reading, UK (1991)
B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea (1984)
AWARDS: Service Merit Medal (2012)
Simon Smith is a British diplomat, currently serving as Britain’s Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Born in 1958, Smith attended Wadham College, Oxford to study German and French, gaining a BA in Modern Languages in 1980. Prior to joining the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Smith worked at the Department of Employment for five years. He joined the FCO in 1986, and his subsequent postings to the British Embassies in Tokyo and Moscow mainly focused on economic, trade and investment issues. He was the FCO’s Director for Russia, the South Caucasus and Central Asia between 2005-2007, and from 2007 he served for five years as the British Ambassador to Austria, and the UK’s permanent representative to the international organisations based in Vienna. His role included serving as the UK’s Governor on the Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Smith then worked as Ambassador to Ukraine from 2012 to 2015, and was appointed the British Ambassador to South Korea in 2018. He had previously visited both North and South Korea peninsula during his time as Head of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office’s NE Asia & Pacific Department. Smith speaks English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian, Japanese and Korean.

Dr. Michael Reiterer is Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Korea since 2017. The EU Ambassador has previously held the position of Principal Advisor at the Asia and Pacific Department, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels, in charge of strategic and security matters. He also previously served as EU Ambassador to Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (2007-2011), Minister/Deputy Head of the EU-Delegation to Japan (2002-2006) and ASEM Counselor (1998-2002).

Before joining the EU in 1998 he was Minister-Counselor at the Austrian Permanent Representation to the EU/Brussels, Counselor at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the GATT, Co-chair of the Joint Experts Group at the OECD on trade and environment, WTO-panelist, Deputy Director General for European Integration and Trade Policy at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber as well as Austrian Deputy Trade Commissioner to West Africa and Japan.

Michael Reiterer studied law at the University of Innsbruck (Dr. juris) and holds diplomas in international relations from the John Hopkins University/Bologna Center and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. In 2005, he was appointed adjunct professor (Dozent) for international politics at the University of Innsbruck. Time permitting, he teaches at various universities and specializes in EU foreign policy, EU-Asia relations and interregionalism, areas in which he has published extensively.
Panelist

Huh Chang  
*Deputy Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF)*

- Deputy Minister for International Affairs, MOEF [Feb. 2020– ]
- Director General, Development Finance Bureau, MOEF [2018– Feb. 2020]
- Director, Development Cooperation Division, International Economic Bureau, MOEF [2010–2012]
- Senior Deputy Director, Overall Economic Policy Division, Economic Policy Bureau, MOEF [2003–2004]
- Deputy Director, Technology and Information Division, MOEF [2002]
- Deputy Director, Overall Economic Cooperation Division, MOEF [1997–1998]
- Assistant Secretary, Office of Economic Emergency Management, Office of the President [2009–2010]
- Assistant Secretary, Office of Economic Policy Advisor, Office of the President [2004–2005]
- Minister, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the OECD [2015–2018]
- Advisor to Executive Director, Korean Office of Asian Development Bank [2005–2008]
- Ph.D. in Economics at I.E.P. de Paris [2003.7]
- I.E.P. de Paris (Sciences-Po), doctoral program in Economics [1998–2002]
- Seoul National University, finished Ph.D. program without dissertation [1992]
- Seoul National University, M.A. in Economics {History of Economic Thought} [1989]
- Seoul National University, B.A. in Economics {International Economics} [1986]

Hwang Suk-tae  
*Deputy Minister of Living Environment Policy Office, Ministry of Environment (ME)*

- Director General, Climate Change Bureau, ME [2018–2019]
- Director General, Air Environment Bureau, ME [2018]
- Overseas Training, University of California, Berkeley [2017–2018]
- Director General, Environmental Integration Bureau, ME [2017]
- Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, ME [2016–2017]
- Director, Policy Coordination Division, ME [2016]
- Director, Drinking Water Policy Division, ME [2013–2016]
- Director, Climate and Air Quality Policy Division, ME [2011–2013]
- Director, Climate Change Cooperation Division, ME [2010–2011]
- Director, Watershed and Total Load Management Division, ME [2009–2010]
- Director, Task Force for Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands [2007–2009]
- Deputy Director, ME [1991]
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SESSION 02.

Sharing Country Experiences and Lessons for Korea
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Presenter: Dr. Tom Mitchell, Chief Strategy Officer, EIT Climate-KIC

EIT Climate-KIC is the European Union’s primary innovation agency dedicated to tackling climate change, and as a result of 10 years experience we have an extensive network to support this effort. Our strategy is to create Transformation, in Time to meet Europe’s obligations under the Paris Climate Change Agreement and support environmental legislation such as the EU Green Deal. We work with leaders of countries, cities, regional leaders and businesses to bring people together to design and commit to a green, new world by transforming their homes, habits, communities, countries, regions, governments and businesses. We would like to share the learning from the application of our approach to explore how and if this can support the South Korean Green Deal.

Please join Dr. Tom Mitchell, Chief Strategy Officer, as he explains how the EU Strategy for the Green Deal has changed due to COVID 19 and how EIT Climate-KIC has supported the achievement of the Green Deal through systems innovation. The presentation will include examples of just transition with a focus on the coal industry, diverse experiences from cities on their journey to becoming carbon neutral, as well as examples of transitions to a circular economy.

Just transition, with a focus on Europe’s coal and heavy polluting industries. We are already working on community-led just transition through our Deep Demonstration with Upper Silesia in Poland and Debagoiena in Spain among other regions. We are working to achieve democratic and inclusive transformations by putting the voices of citizens, workers and youth at the core of regional economic transformation. Many regions and people across Europe still rely on economies that are incompatible with tackling climate change. This effect may be exacerbated in the post Covid-19 world.

Carbon neutral cities. EIT Climate-KIC is working with a group of diverse cities across north, south and eastern Europe with the ambition to have zero-net emissions as fast as possible and many by 2030. We have created deep links with 15 of Europe’s large and medium-sized cities, and are outlining innovative pathways and pipelines for decarbonisation investment at scale, which have at their core the potential to create multiple co-benefits: economic (job creation, supply chain innovation), social (livelihood improvement, household cost reduction, health benefits, social inclusion) financial (business model innovation, crowding in new investors) and in terms of governance (city governance innovation, civic participation). Our work is centred on the development of a portfolio of projects across cities and regions that can attract funding at scale but are tailored to address the reality of the local context of each particular city.

Transition to a circular economy. Now is the moment to take the initiative to truly transform how our societies operate. The circular economy is a powerful tool to help communities’ transition to a climate-friendly, regenerative cost-effective resilient economy. EIT Climate-KIC has developed a portfolio of actions to change whole systems from linear to circular. We are working with the governments of Slovenia, Bulgaria and Cantabria on designing and implementing systemic circular economy transition across policy, finance, education, entrepreneurship and innovation and industrial value chains to foster resilient regional development, green growth and sustainable business models.
Dr. Frank Rijsberman leads the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in supporting governments transition toward 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.

Prior to joining GGGI, Dr. Rijsberman was CEO of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Consortium in Montpellier, France. He was the first Director of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, USA and also worked as Program Director at Google.org, the philanthropic arm of Google.

He was Director-General of the International Water Management Institute, an international research institute with HQ in Colombo, Sri Lanka and 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). 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).

Dr. Tom Mitchell has over 15 years management and leadership experience in senior roles in purpose-driven organisations. Tom has expertise on tackling climate change, building innovation ecosystems, and reducing disaster risk. He is currently Chief Strategy Officer and Statutory Director for EIT Climate-KIC, with offices in 16 countries and 300 staff. During his time at EIT Climate-KIC he has guided the development and implementation of the new strategy, ‘Transformation, in Time’, prepared and secured funding for EIT Climate-KIC’s programmes, and help bring transformational, systemic change to locations across the globe.

Tom has a PhD in climate and disaster risk management and has published widely on climate resilience. Before joining EIT Climate-KIC, Tom led the climate change team at the Overseas Development Institute, supported UN policy on disaster risk reduction and served as a coordinating lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
Abdulla Saif Al Nuaimi

Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Republic of Korea

H.E. Abdulla Saif Al Nuaimi is an embodiment of exemplary Emirati talent. After completing several graduate courses in the United States, he joined the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) as Senior Analyst specializing in the US market. From 1992 to 1997, he was responsible of analyzing US companies for investment opportunities and preparing recommendations for selling and buying shares.

In 1997, Al Nuaimi was seconded to the Privatization Committee for the Water & Electricity Sector in the Abu Dhabi Emirate, taking on the role of Director of Independent Water and Power Producers Projects (IWPP). As part of his responsibilities, he became the first Emirati to preside over a unique UAE privatization enterprise that aims to produce water and electricity in one integrated project. His success with the project was recognized with a number of awards, including the MENA Energy Sector’s coveted Power Personality of the Year for 2014.

In 2011, he was appointed as Managing Director of the Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority [ADWEA], where he continues to serve as an advisor till now. In deference to his expertise and leadership in the power and water sectors, he has been nominated as Chairman of the Board for many public and private enterprises including: the Abu Dhabi Distribution Company and Al Ain Distribution Company; the Abu Dhabi Transmission & Dispatch Company (TRANSCO); Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Company [ADWEC]; Al Wathbah Central Services Company; and Taweelah Asia Power Company [TAPCO].

He served as Vice Chairman of the First Energy Bank; Abu Dhabi National Takaful Insurance Co. and Vice Chairman & CEO of The Abu Dhabi National Energy Company, TAQA. In addition, Al Nuaimi has been a board member for Sohar Aluminium Company LLC; the Federal Electricity and Water Authority and Oman Insurance Company. He was a member of the Follow-up UAE President’s Initiatives Committee until 2014 and President of the Canadian Emirati Businessmen Council.

Al Nuaimi was shortlisted for Abu Dhabi Excellence Award, administrative sector (2008/2009). From November, 2016 till present, Al Nuaimi assumes the duty as the UAE Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Korea.

Einar H. Jensen

Ambassador of Denmark to the Republic of Korea

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and side accredited to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (2019–)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Department, Humanitarian Action Civil Society and Personnel Advisors (2012–2015)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Department, Humanitarian Action, Development Policy and Civil Society (2010–2012)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of Department, Quality Assurance (2003–2006)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Department, South East Asia and the Pacific (2001–2003)
Danish Environmental Protection Agency, Director, Danish Cooperation for Environment and Development (1999–2001)
Danish Environmental Protection Agency, Deputy Director, Danish Cooperation for Environment and Development (1993–1995)
Danish Environmental Protection Agency, Head of Section and Deputy Director in the Agricultural Division (1987–1991)
DECORATIONS: Knight of the Order of Dannebrog, First Class
Diploma study Manager Development, University of South Africa, Pretoria(1999)
M.Sc. Agricultural Science, specialised in Economics and Law, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University of Copenhagen (1987)
Ms. Hyoeun Jenny Kim is Deputy Director-General of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). GGGI is a treaty-based inter-governmental organization supporting developing countries and emerging economies to achieve economic growth and environmental sustainability together through following new pathway of green growth. She is responsible of managing GGGI’s in-country relationship which includes projects and programs in more than 30 partner countries.

Before joining the GGGI in May 2018, she was the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Senegal and five neighboring countries from May 2016. From August 2013 to April 2016, she was the Director for Strategy, Policy, and Communication at the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

As a career diplomat in Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has served as Director for Climate Change and Environment Affairs and Director for World Trade Organization (WTO). She led the national team in UN climate change negotiations and WTO DDA negotiations. She also worked for the OECD in Paris and the UN in NY.

Born September 11 in 1967, she earned her Bachelor’s in political science and diplomacy from Yonsei University in Seoul in 1990 and her Master’s from the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1996.

Hyoeun Jenny Kim
Deputy Director-General, GGGI

Panelist

Park Jaeshin
Vice President, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
Dr German Velasquez (Jerry) is the Director of GCF’s Mitigation and Adaptation Division. He has worked for various United Nations departments on environmental conventions and governance, as well as on disaster vulnerability and risk, since 1994. With the UN Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) he supported the development of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Jerry previously led the largest association of cities promoting resilience – the UN Making Cities Resilient Campaign – with more than 3,600 members globally. With UN Environment (UNEP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) he helped countries to implement multilateral agreements, in particular the Rio Conventions. Jerry received a Master and Doctor of Engineering degree on Hydrology and Water Resources from Nagoya University (Japan).

Sang-Hyup Kim is a visiting professor at Graduate School of Green Growth, College of Business, KAIST and chairman of Coalition for Our Common Future. Prior to joining the KAIST (2013), Mr. Kim has worked at the Office of the President of the Republic of Korea from 2008 as the Secretary for National Future and Vision, where he contributed in setting the historic “Low Carbon Green Growth” vision for Korea. In 2011, he became the Senior Secretary to the President for Green Growth, coordinating the planning, developing and implementing of Korea’s Green Growth strategy. Through collaboration with the Presidential Committee on Green Growth and relevant ministries, his agenda ranges from national implementation of Green Growth policies to international climate change negotiations and promoting global cooperation for making green growth a truly global asset. Moreover, he served as a member of the Global Agenda Council of World Economic Forum and now he also serves as a co-chairman of Jeju Green Big Bang Committee.

Kim was formerly the Washington correspondent for Maeil Business Newspaper and a co-founding member of the World Knowledge Forum and Vision Korea Project. He has also worked at SBS, Seoul Broadcasting System, during which he set up the future and vision projects team in 2004, in addition to found and serving in the capacity of THE Executive Director of the Seoul Digital Forum.

Kim has a B.A and M.A in International Relations from Seoul National University. He has been recipient of numerous awards during his career, including: Broadcaster of the Year; Korean Broadcasters Association (2007); Hongjo Order of Service Merit (2010); Hwangjo Order of Service Merit (2012).
Panelist

Ian de Cruz
Global Director, P4G

Ian de Cruz is the Global Director of P4G, Partnering for Green Growth and Global Goals 2030, a new initiative to support innovative public-private partnerships that advance the new economy. He leads efforts to bring together global government, business, and civil-society organizations to grow game-changing partnerships to supply humanity’s greatest needs: food, water, shelter, energy, and sustainable use of resources. Ian directs P4G’s Global Hub from World Resources Institute’s headquarters in Washington DC.

Prior to joining P4G, Ian worked at the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, serving as Deputy Director of Global Strategy and Partnerships. In this role, he co-led the strategic direction, vision, work program, and funding strategy for the organization, and directed engagement with a network of more than 100 organizations. He has also co-led the integration of climate change within core humanitarian and development work of World Vision, one of the world’s largest international non-government organizations working in nearly 100 countries which included working on a large-scale forestry project for carbon markets in Africa. Ian has also helped shape large complex commercial transactions of public private partnership projects in infrastructure in Australia in the energy, resources, transport and urban planning sectors. Trained as a lawyer, Ian has held management positions in Australian government departments.

Ian holds an MBA degree from the Australian Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce degrees (majoring in accounting and finance) from the University of Western Australia.

Originally from Australia, Ian lives in Washington DC with his wife and two kids.
Welcome Remarks
H.E. Lee Taeho  
Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
GGGI President & Chair, Eighth UN Secretary-General

H.E. Hong Jeong Kee  
Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment

Introduction to GGGI in Celebration of GGGI’s 10th anniversary
Dr. Frank Rijsberman  
Director General, GGGI
Welcome Remarks

Mr. LEE Taeho is Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Prior to his appointment at this position in September 2018, he served as Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and subsequently as Secretary to the President for Trade.

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1982, Mr. Lee was engaged mostly in economic diplomacy and trade negotiations throughout his career. He served as Director-General for Multilateral Trade with the responsibility of coordinating the inter-agency work relating to WTO and APEC as well as Director-General for Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Policy and then worked for the Minister for Trade as his Special Advisor.

Previously, Mr. Lee served as Director of the Trade Policy Planning Division and as Director of the WTO Division. He also served briefly as staff member of the Presidential Committee on Northeast Asian Cooperation Initiative before taking the position of the Deputy Director-General for the FTA Affairs.

He served as Korean Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. He worked as a career diplomat in various Korean overseas missions, which include the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C., United States; the Korean Embassy in Prague, Czech Republic; the Korean Permanent Mission in Geneva, Switzerland; the Korean Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh; and the Korean Delegation to the OECD in Paris, France. He also worked for the head (Executive Secretary) of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand as his cabinet staff member.

18th Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment [ME] (Mar. 2020–)
Deputy Minister, Task Force for Investigation and Assessment for Natural Recovery of Four Major Rivers, ME (2018–2019)
Deputy Minister, Natural Environmental Policy Office, ME (2018)
Deputy Minister, Environmental Policy Office, ME (2017–2018)
Director General, Water Environmental Policy Bureau, ME (2017)
Director General, Resource Circulation Bureau, ME (2014–2015)
Spokesperson, ME (2013–2014)
Administrator, Metropolitan Air Quality Management Office (2012–2013)
Center for Energy and Environmental Policy, University of Delaware, U.S. (2011–2012)
2012 World Conservation Congress Secretariat(2011–2012)
Director, Environmental Policy Office, ME (2009–2010)
Director, Air Pollution Total Load Management Division, Air Quality Management Bureau, ME (2006–2008)
Director, Natural Resources Division, Nature Conservation Bureau, ME (2005–2006)
Director General, Environmental Management Division, Han River Basin Environmental Office (2005)
Planning & Budget Division, Planning & Coordination Office, ME (1996–2002)
Legal Affairs Division, Planning & Coordination Office, ME (1995)
Deputy Director, ME (1992)
Ph.D., Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National Univ. (2011)
BA, Public Administration, Yonsei University (1992)
A decade has now passed since the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) was formed to support developing countries and emerging economies to achieve sustainable inclusive economic growth. Since this initial founding, the organization has made significant progress and transformed into one of the leading international organizations supporting green growth policy and investments.

As the organization was founded to support and promote the mainstreaming of green growth, the past decade was filled with the creation of new GGGI programs and projects designed to bring long-term sustainable economic growth. GGGI has strengthened its ability and role in the international community to support strong plans and projects. As of this year, GGGI has 37 Members and delivers programs for more than 30 Members and partners – in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific – with technical support, capacity building, policy planning and implementation, and by helping to build a pipeline of bankable green investment projects.

GGGI Strategy 2030 aims to mobilize over USD 16 billion in green and climate finance commitments for its Members, that would result in reducing a billion tons of CO2e; generating 2 million new green jobs; increasing access to sustainable services for 600 million people; enabling adaptation services for 16 million people; and protecting 80 million hectares of natural capital throughout the world.

Since its founding, GGGI has overcome various challenges, reached new milestones, and has seen major success stories from its Members. GGGI will continue to support its Members to solve the climate crisis and achieve its vision statement for a low-carbon, resilient world of strong, inclusive, and sustainable growth.
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