



Ms. Susanne Pedersen
Assistant Director-General, Investment and Policy Solution Division,
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Ms. Susanne Pedersen is the Assistant Director-General and the Head of the Investment Policy Solutions Division of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). She is responsible for providing technical support and services in green investment and policy via seven units. As a Member of the Statutory Executive Team of GGGI, she also oversees strategic planning, implementation and delivery of projects and programs in partner countries.

Before joining GGGI, Ms. Pedersen served as the Managing Director of Climate-KIC Nordic and as a Member of the Executive Board of Europe's largest public private partnership addressing climate change through innovation. She has more than 25 years of experience in catalyzing partnerships, technology transfer, innovation and advisory services in the environmental and climate change area. She has worked as a manager, board member and strategic advisor with P&L responsibility. She has set-up international daughter companies, established new functional and service areas, and managed large-scale teams and projects.

Ms. Pedersen holds a B. Com. (HD – International Trade) from Copenhagen Business School and a MA in American Social Studies, minor in Economics from University of Copenhagen and UC Berkeley.



Dr. Ruandha Agung Sugardiman
Director General of Climate Change Control, Indonesia

Dr. Ir. Ruandha Agung Sugardiman was appointed as the Director General of Climate Change Control on 10 July 2018. He was previously the Director for Inventory and Mentoring of Forest Resources for the Forest Planning Department.

Dr. Sugardiman obtained his bachelor's degree from Gadjah Mada University, and his Master and PhD from ITC Enshchede and Wageningen University and Research Center in the Netherlands. He is specialized in mapping, spatial analysis and remote sensing technology. His thesis was about Radar Monitoring of Forest Fires and Forest Cover Change. He is also the main actor behind development of Indonesia's National Forest Monitoring System (SIMONTANA).

Directorate General of Climate is responsible for the mitigation, adaptation, reduction of GHG emission, inventory, reduction and elimination of Ozone Depleting Substance from the Forest and Land use Sectors, as well as mobilizing resources, Monitoring Reporting and

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Verification and management of forest and land fires. Director General of Climate Change normally is the REDD+ National Focal Point, and heads UNFCCC delegation, if there is no Ministerial presence. The Office also coordinates the reporting obligations to the convention.

Following the disbanded of REDD+ Agency, the Directorate General of Climate Change has been the main partner. The office is responsible for the negotiation and technical process on reference level, monitoring and reporting the emission from forest and land use sector, development of technical aspects of the REDD+ Funding Instrument including developing safeguards and registry.



Mr. Ken O'Flaherty UK's COP26 Regional Ambassador to Asia-Pacific and South Asia

Ken O'Flaherty was appointed the UK government's COP26 Regional Ambassador to Asia-Pacific and South Asia in March 2020. Find out [more about COP26](#), the 2021 UN Climate Conference.

Previously Ken was the Deputy Head of Mission in Rome from August 2015 until October 2019.

A career diplomat, he has experience in a number of Foreign Office departments, as well as overseas roles in Paris, Tokyo and the UK Representation to the European Union. Ken has worked on a wide range of issues from EU cooperation to security, counter-terrorism and migration, economic and energy issues and the Middle East.

Ken studied Italian and French at Cardiff University, and was an ERASMUS student at Parma University.



Mr. Kiyeon KO Director-General, International Affairs Bureau, Korea Forest Service Secretary-General, the XV World Forestry Congress Secretariat

Mr. KO Kiyeon currently doubles as Director-General of International Affairs Bureau of Korea Forest Service (KFS) as well as Secretary-General of the XV World Forestry Congress (XV WFC) Secretariat, responsible for international affairs in forestry and preparatory works of the XV WFC host country.

He has several working portfolios on international programmes in forestry including Director of Overseas Resources Development at the KFS (2012-2013), official seconded to the UNCCD Regional Coordinating Unit for Asia (2006-2009), and Deputy-Director of International Cooperation at the KFS (2002-2003).

In domestic policy areas, he has experience working in divisions at the KFS on Forest Fire Prevention and Control, Urban Forest and landscape and Forest Protection Support. In addition, Mr. KO headed for two Regional Offices of the KFS (2015-2018).

Mr. KO graduated from Seoul National University with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in forestry.



Dr. Thomas Hofer
Regional Senior Forestry Officer, Asia and the Pacific, FAO

Thomas Hofer has a background in Geography and Biology. He implemented his masters and PhD studies in the Himalayan Region with a focus on watershed management and highland-lowland linkages.

In 1998 he joined the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Before his transfer to Bangkok he coordinated FAO's global program on watershed management, mountain development and forest hydrology as well as the Mountain Partnership Secretariat. Since 2017 he works as Senior Forestry Officer, Coordinator of the Natural Resources Management Group and Secretary of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission at FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.



Dr. Tefera Mengistu
Environment Forest and Climate Change Commission, Ethiopia/
Forestry Program Specialist at UNDP Ethiopia

Born in Ethiopia in 1970, Tefera Mengistu received his first and second degree in Forestry from Alemaya University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences respectively. He did his PhD at Wageningen University. Tefera has been working as an assistant professor in restoration ecology and ecophysiology for over 13 years. He is now working as National Forest Sector Development Program Coordinator in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Ethiopia. In his capacity, he coordinates the National Tree Planting Program, part of the Norway funded REDD+ Investment Plan, and the Swedish supported projects. He is engaged in research projects and has published papers related to resource conservation, restoration of degraded lands and dryland plant physiology.



Dr. Christopher Dickinson
Head of Sustainable Landscapes, GGGI

Christopher (Chris) Dickinson is the Thematic Head of Sustainable Landscapes and Deputy Director of GGGI's Investment and Policy Solutions Division. Chris comes with over 25 years' experience in tackling the challenges of maintaining productive ecosystems and landscapes whilst enhancing food security, maintaining water provisioning services and building climate resilience.

He has worked at all levels and across Asia and Africa, gaining extensive experience in developing nature-based solutions for supporting livelihoods and green economies. This has extended across an array of ecosystems – stretching from boreal forests and steppes in Mongolia, diverse tropical forests, and mangroves in Greater Mekong Basin, to the vibrant landscapes in East Africa. His career has encompassed a diverse range of positions including with UN Agencies, including United Nations Development Program, and non-government organizations, including World Wildlife Fund and SNV – the Dutch development organization.

Chris holds a PhD degree in Tropical Forest Ecology from University of Birmingham (UK) and MSc degree in Ecology from University of Aberdeen (UK).



Mr. Marcel Silvius
Country Representative – GGGI Indonesia

Marcel Silvius became the GGGI Country Representative in Indonesia in June 2017. A wetland ecologist, Marcel has worked on a wide range of issues related to natural resources management and sustainable development for over 30 years.

He has pioneered peatland, mangrove and shorebird studies in South-east Asia and contributed to the establishment of several national parks and large-scale ecosystem restoration projects in Indonesia, Russia, China and various parts of Africa.

Prior to taking up his appointment with GGGI in Jakarta, Marcel was instrumental in establishing Wetlands International, leading the development of global programs on the interface of natural resource management, economic development, livelihoods, and climate change. He is recognized as a leading peatland expert and wetland conservationist.

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Marcel is a graduate in biology of the State University of Utrecht and studied Nature Management at the Agricultural University of Wageningen. He is accompanied in Jakarta by his wife Tini, and they are passionate about exploring and photographing the rich diversity of Indonesian culture and nature.



Ms. Carolina Jaramillo
Country Representative - GGGI Colombia

As GGGI's Colombia Country Representative, Carolina ensures the highest standard of performance, cost-efficiency, and effectiveness, providing leadership in the development and implementation of the of country portfolio projects.

Since 2013, Carolina has supported the promotion of strategic programs to achieve a low carbon, climate resilient growth in Colombia, in the form of the formulation of the Amazon Vision project that focus on developing a large-scale payment for performance program for reducing deforestation with national and international financing. Also, by supporting the National Planning Department in mainstreaming Green Growth objectives in policy formulation, development planning and financing instruments.

Most Recently Carolina provided technical input and operational support in the formulation and execution of the Global Environmental Facility funded projects in LATAM for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and has worked with other organizations such as UNEP, Ecotrust and the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Land Development in Bogota, Colombia.



Mr. Aaron Drayer
Country Representative - GGGI Peru

Aaron Drayer is a country representative for Peru. With more than 15 years of experience in design and management of economic and environmental projects with an emphasis on land use, water, and organic solid waste, he manages policy analysis and development of the National Green Growth Strategy with the ministries of Economy and Finance and Environment, lead engagement with Green Climate Fund National Designated Authority (focal point) for assistance in development of roles and responsibilities as well as project development in energy efficiency.



Mr. Luis Miguel Aparicio
Senior Officer, Forest, Sustainable Landscapes, GGGI

Luis Miguel is a forest engineer with a MSc in forest resources conservation and specializations in environmental resources management & sustainable development, forest certification, forest management and project management.

He has worked several countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and Africa; his areas of expertise include climate change mitigation and adaptation, natural resources policy and management.

Luis Miguel currently holds the position of Senior Forests Officer in GGGI. Before joining GGGI he has worked for the Climate Change and Sustainability division of the Inter-American Development Bank; previously he worked as the technical coordinator of the Forest Service in Peru, lead auditor for FSC forest management and forest chain-of-custody certification, forestry expert and validator/verifier for CDM and VCS emission reductions projects, programs of activities and REDD+ jurisdictional programs.
