



Dr. Frank Rijsberman
Director-General, GGGI

Dr. Rijsberman was appointed as the Director-General of the Institute in 2016. He has over 30 years' experience addressing the challenges of environmental sustainability and poverty reduction with leading international organizations and philanthropic foundations.

Prior to joining GGGI, Dr. Rijsberman served as Chief Executive Officer of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Consortium. He was the first Director of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (2010 to 2012), Program Director at Google.org, and Director-General of the International Water Management Institute.

He has a Ph.D. 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).



Ms. Helen Watts
Director of Innovation and Partnerships, Student Energy

Helen Watts is the Director of Innovation and Partnerships at Student Energy's headquarters in Vancouver, Canada since 2018. She builds Student Energy's global partner base and collaborates on program design.

Before Student Energy, she was the Business Development Associate at AIESEC (2016-17) and the Summer Associate at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (2014-15).

She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art History from Concordia University (2012-2016).



Ms. Ana Gonzalez Guerrero
Co-Founder and Managing Director, Youth Climate Lab

Ana Gonzalez Guerrero is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Youth Climate Lab (2017-present). Previously, she was at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (2016-18). She was also the Network Impact Coordinator at Green Economy Canada (2013-15).

She holds an honours degree in Environment and Business from University of Waterloo (2010-2015).



Ms. Raissa Espiritu
Chair, Board of Directors, Youth Climate Lab

Raissa Espiritu is Chair of Youth Climate Lab. She is also the Director of Partnerships at Centre for Social Innovation (CSI Toronto).

She worked at institutions such as the Sunnybrook Research Institute, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, and the University of Toronto. In 2017, she took a cofounder role at COSM and in 2016, she launched ReTHINK, a consulting firm.



Mr. Hakku Bang
Results Reporting Officer, GGGI

Mr. Bang has been Results Reporting Officer at GGGI since 2019. He has served over 4 years at GGGI as a HR Officer as well as the Special Assistant to the ADG-IPSD (2017-2019). Previously, he worked for UK Embassy and the National Tax Service.

He holds a master's degree from Seoul National University (GSIS) in International Cooperation and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Simon Fraser University (SFU).



Dr. Mahamadou Tounkara
Director, Office of Director-General, GGGI

Dr. Tounkara is currently the Director of Office of Director-General (ODG), Governance, Strategies, Partnerships and Communications, at the GGGI.

He has more than 31 years of experience in international development across technical and managerial responsibilities, covering interdisciplinary teams in 89 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Middle East and the Pacific, in multicultural environments, working with governments, bilateral and multilateral agencies, private sector and civil society organizations, to advance the development agendas and international commitments.



Dr. Lasse Ringius
Director and Head of Green Investment Services, GGGI

Dr. Ringius joined GGGI in 2016 as Director and Head of Green Investment Services (GIS) in the Investment and Policy Solutions Division (IPSD).

Previously, he was Senior Carbon Finance Specialist at IFC (2009-2016) and Senior Environmental Specialist at World Bank (2003-2009).

He has a Ph.D. in Environmental Regulation from European University Institute (1987-1992) and was a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1989-1991).



Dr. Pranab Baruah
Country Representative, GGGI Qatar

Dr. Baruah has been Principal Specialist since 2017 and Qatar Country Representative since 2019 at GGGI.

Previously, he was Senior Research Manager at Green Growth Knowledge Platform (2015-2016), Senior Researcher and Manager at Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (2014-2015) and Lead Energy Researcher and Coordinator at University of Oxford (2011-2014).

He has a Ph.D. in Engineering from University of Tsukuba (2002) and did his postdoctoral fellowship (JSPS) at the University of Tokyo (2004).



Dr. Kristin Deason
Lead, Caribbean Program, GGGI

Dr. Deason is currently the Lead of Caribbean Program at GGGI.

Previously she was Programme Officer at IRENA (2015-2016), Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton (2013-2015), Director of Sales at Gnarum Tecnología y Energía (2012-2013), Director of International Cooperation at NOW GmbH (2010-2012), and Program Manager at Sentech Inc (2007-2010).

She has a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering, Environmental and Energy Management at the George Washington University (2003-2009).



Mr. Juhern Kim
Country Representative, GGGI Philippines

Mr. Kim is the Philippines Country Representative at GGGI since 2019. He has been working from GGGI since 2012. Prior to joining GGGI, he was Project Director at Corporation 2020 (2014-2015), UN Environment Programme (2011-2013), Programme Manager at ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC) (2011-2012), and Green Economy Consultant at UN Environment Programme (2009-2010).

He holds a master's degree in International/Global Studies from Yonsei University (2007-2010) and a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Business Administration from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (1998-2006). Recently, he completed the Executive Education of Yale School of Management (Certificate, Accelerated Management Program) (2020).



Ms. Stella Seung-Yeon Lee
Senior Green Investment Specialist, GGGI

Ms. Lee has been Senior Green Investment Specialist at GGGI since 2013. she is also Senior Specialist for Infrastructure/PPP at Korea Development Institute, Public & Private Infrastructure Investment Management Center (PIMAC) since 2008.

Previously, she was Deputy Director of PPP policy team at Ministry of Strategy and Finance (2006-2008) and Investment Evaluation Specialist at PIMAC (2003-2006).

She is currently a Ph.D. candidate of Urban and Regional Planning at Seoul National University.
