

[Virtual Session] Accelerating progress on Korea's Net Zero 2050 target

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Speakers



H.E. Ban Ki-moon

President of the Assembly and Chair
of the Council of the Global Green
Growth Institute (GGGI)

On February 20, 2018, Mr. Ban Ki-moon was elected as the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). His leadership enables the Institute to help its Members to successfully adopt the green growth model of development, which is in line with the work he spearheaded at the United Nations.

In addition to leading GGGI, Mr. Ban serves as the Chair of Korea's National Council on Climate and Air Quality since April 2019 and Chair of the Boao Forum for Asia since April 2018. Along with the former President of Austria Mr. Heinz Fischer, he serves as Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens in Vienna, Austria since January 2018. Mr. Ban is the Chairman of the International Olympic Committee Ethics Commission since September 2017, and he is the Distinguished Chair Professor and Honorary Chairman at the Institute of Global Engagement and Empowerment at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Ban also serves as Deputy Chair of The Elders since 2017, an independent group of global leaders established by President Nelson Mandela.

Prior to the current appointments above, Mr. Ban served two consecutive terms as the Eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) from 2007 to 2016, during which time he worked to build bridges, to give voice to the world's most vulnerable and marginalized people, and to bring transparency and effectiveness to the UN. He successfully initiated global action to combat climate change that culminated in the adoption and rapid entry into force of 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. He also led major efforts to strengthen UN peace operations, protect human rights, improve humanitarian assistance, prevent violent extremism and revitalize disarmament activities.

Prior to leading the UN, Mr. Ban was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. His 37-year career as a diplomat included postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C., and Vienna, as well as key responsibilities for a variety of portfolios, including as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, the Chief National Security Advisor to the President, the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Deputy Minister for Policy Planning, and the Director-General for American Affairs. Mr. Ban contributed significantly to issues relating to inter-Korea relations and WMD proliferation by serving as Vice Chair of the South-North Joint Nuclear Control Commission and Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization.

Mr. Ban holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Seoul National University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



Tong-Q Lee

Deputy Director-General, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Tong-Q LEE is the Director-General of the Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Scientific Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.

For over 20 years, he has served the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, specifically focused on environmental issues. He was a Head of Climate Change and Environment Team, Counselor of the Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations and actively involved in SDGs and Rio+20 Negotiation. Prior to his current position, he served as a Deputy Consul-General of the Korean Consulate General in Hamburg. He became a Deputy Director-General of the Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Scientific Affairs Bureau in 2018 and has actively engaged in a wide spectrum of environmental issues including the climate change negotiations.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Diplomacy at Yonsei University, and Master's Degree in International Security at Yonsei Graduate School of Public Administration. He studied Environment and Regulation at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK, and Law and Development at the University of Warwick, UK.

Young-Sook Yoo

Chair, Climate Change Center, and
Former Environment Minister,
Republic of Korea

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Dr. Frank Rijsberman
Director-General, Global Green
Growth Institute (GGGI)

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 initially appointed as the Director-General of the Institute, on October 1, 2016 and re-appointed for a second term starting October 1, 2020.

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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Jonathan Woodland is Head of Climate Diplomacy, British Embassy Seoul, leading efforts in the Republic of Korea to raise ambition ahead of COP26. A career public servant he has worked variously for the UK's Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defence and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. He is a graduate of the University of York and King's College London.



Ingvild Solvang

Deputy Director, Climate Action and Inclusive Development, GGGI

Ingvild Solvang is the Deputy Director and Head of the Climate Action and Inclusive Development (CAID) Unit in the Investment and Policy Solutions Division (IPSD) in GGGI.

She has nearly 20 years experience working in international development and humanitarian affairs. Based in Southeast Asia for nearly two decades, she has responded to emergencies, while also managing development programs for various organizations worldwide, always with a focus on poverty reduction, gender equality and social inclusion. Prior to joining GGGI's HQ in Seoul, Ingvild was the Global Lead for Entrepreneurship with CARE's Women's Economic Empowerment Team. With her partner, she has also supported the management of ViaVia Jogja, a sustainable tourism social enterprise in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Ingvild has a postgraduate degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Oslo and an MFA in Creative Writing from City University of Hong Kong. She has also studied Gender at SUNY Buffalo and Forced Migration at the University of Oxford.

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Kerry Cheung, Ph.D

Director, Department of Energy,
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Kerry serves as the first Director of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) office and Energy Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in South Korea. He is responsible for advancing U.S. energy, science and technology, and nuclear security and nonproliferation interests in South Korea, representing DOE programs and initiatives, fostering deeper cooperation, and supporting the Chief of Mission and the Embassy.

Prior to his current post, Kerry served as a Program Manager and Strategist for DOE's Office of Electricity (OE). In this role, he established new programs and initiatives to address critical research gaps, managed \$15-\$20 million in projects annually, and stimulated small business innovation and technology transfer. Kerry also led various strategic planning and evaluation activities for OE, enhanced coordination and collaboration across the DOE, and represented the Department in meetings with domestic, international, and interagency stakeholders.

Before joining DOE officially in 2013, he was an American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science and Technology Policy Fellow working in OE. As a Fellow, he helped lay the foundation for the \$220 million Grid Modernization Initiative launched in 2016 and completed a 6-month detail to the U.S. Senate where he advised on a variety of energy issues spanning natural gas, nuclear waste, energy efficiency, hydropower, the electric grid, and innovation.

Kerry has a Bachelor's degree in Applied and Engineering Physics from Cornell University, a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and a Doctorate in Electrical Engineering, both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kerry grew up in New York City and is an avid traveler, taking at least one international trip per year. He enjoys hiking, photography, snowboarding, puzzles, and spending time with friends and family, especially his two nephews. He is also passionate about promoting diversity and inclusion in public service and advancing leadership in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

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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 40 members with operations in over 35 countries.

