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 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.
Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya is the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Rwanda. Prior to her appointment in November 2019, she served as Ambassador of Rwanda in Russia from 2013 and Rector of Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) from (2011-2013). Dr Mujawamariya Jeanne d’Arc served also as Rwanda’s Minister of Gender and Family Promotion (2008-2011); Minister of Education (2006-2008); Minister of State in Charge of Higher Education (2005-2006) and Minister of State in Charge of Primary and Secondary Education in the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Scientific Research (2003-2005).

Minister Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya a PHD holder in Physical-Chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, India.

She is passionate about environment conservation and efficient natural resources development to achieve sustainable development and green growth for Rwanda’s socio-economic transformation.

Michelle DeFreese is a Senior Officer with GGGI embedded in the Ministry of Environment (MoE), (formerly Ministry of Natural Resources of Rwanda (MINIRENA)) to support the development of strategic initiatives aligned with the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS II) and the Rwandan National Strategy for Transformation (NST).

Prior to joining GGGI, Michelle worked as a Program and Partnerships Manager at the Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (IAGRI), a USAID-funded, Feed the Future, collaborative project between the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MALF) and Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in Morogoro, Tanzania. Previously, Michelle served as a Functional Reviewer with Global Integrity for the Rural Sector category of the sixth round of Africa Integrity Indicators research. She has also served as an Africa Research Fellow for the Young Professionals for Foreign Policy (YPFP), an Academic Think Tank Member for the International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS), and as a Board Member for Deeper Missions, a non-profit organization that implements sustainable development projects in Sierra Leone and Kenya. Michelle was recently a consultant for the project “Understanding Drivers of Diet Change and Food Choice Among Tanzanian Pastoralists to Inform Policy and Practice,” a collaboration between Emory University, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). Her role included conducting market survey research, training enumerators, and collecting data on food price, availability, and dietary habits in pastoralist communities in two livelihood zones in Tanzania. Michelle holds a BSc in Anthropology from Rutgers University and an MA in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), University of Geneva.

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Green growth achievements in your career or of your organization:

- Development of Proposal: Improving the resilience of biodiversity ecosystems and livelihoods through sustainable forest and land use management in the Albertine region of Uganda.
- Integrated climate change, biodiversity and wildlife conservation program (ICO-BWOP) by LADA.
- Conservation Project: Apes/Gibbons, and Tree Species Conservation Project by LADA.

Hope to achieve at #GGGWeek2021:

- Building and enhancing partnership with local CSOs, authorities and funding partners globally.
- Understanding better the needs and challenges, experiences on circular economy and waste management.
- Explore opportunities for possible funding of our proposal: Recycling Wastepaper: A Solution to environmental degradation – the environmental sustainability of paper in Uganda.

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Her passion for community development and the circular economy in Africa has led her to work with over 460 amazing small businesses. As an impact entrepreneur, starting Kigalifaam and PIMA Zero Waste Shop (both the first of their kind in Rwanda) are the greatest expressions of her calling. Through community engagement, including forums like the GGweek, not only can she call any place on this planet home but, she can play an active role in making and leaving an impact in her space. From organizing almost 100 events promoting local initiatives & products through their #buylocalsupportlocal slogan to collecting, sorting, and upcycling tonnes of recyclables, every bit of work done has positively impacted the community.

“Hey! Maybe this is why I was a Social Founder of the Year, 2021 finalist (Founder Of The Year Awards - FOYA) and not because of the number of BBQs I’ve held over the years due to my social nature”

Hope to achieve at #GGGWeek2021:
#buylocalsupportlocal

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Umwari Monica is managing director of a Rwandan eco-brand, Angaza that transforms nonbiodegradable waste, like vinyl advertising banners into one-of-a-kind accessories, such as totes, wallets and gadget covers.

The main objectives the social enterprise are; Creation of green jobs, managing waste and promoting environmental education.

Some of the Green growth achievements would be the growth of little capital invested at the start and grown over time plus the different training and exhibition opportunities that include:
- World circular economy conference in Finland in 2018.
- The African women enterprise program in 2017, USA.

The challenges in the company are:
- No creative advisor and lack of capital to keep investing in the company where we can work on different prototypes and rent our own workshop.

Possible solutions:
- Business advisors and capital investment

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Noel Nizeyimana is a CEO of GreenCare Rwanda Ltd.

Green growth achievements in your career or of your organization:
- étudier les pratiques socio culturelles et leurs impacts dans la gestion globale des déchets.
- ressortir les aspects sociaux pas forcément pris en compte dans les études techniques
- documenter les comportements qui constituent souvent un frein à la bonne prise en charge des déchets.
- participer à la mise en place de système de gestion inclusif des déchets solides ménagers

What you hope to achieve at #GGGW2021:
- Mettre en exergue le potentiel en terme de création d’emplois dans les métiers de la gestion des déchets solides
M. GUEU FULGENCE est actuellement Responsable de l'environnement, de l'énergie, de l'économie circulaire et du développement durable au sein de l'ONG GFM3. Il a mis en place et géré des projets d'ordre environnemental au sein de son organisme. Titulaire d'un diplôme d'ingénieur en informatique option maintenance et réseaux télécoms, il a ensuite orienté ses études vers l'environnement et le développement durable avec l'obtention d'un Master et Ethique et Gouvernance option Ethique Economique et Développement Durable à l'Université Jésuite CERAP à Abidjan. Il est également expert junior et consultant au sein de plusieurs structures telles que le ROSCIDET et le Common Action for Sustainable Development sur les questions de l'économie circulaire.

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Green growth achievements in your career or of your organization:
• EU policy on Circular Economy, notably Ecodesign policy
• Recommendations on Extended Producer Responsibility at OECD level, and modulating fees according to design for the environment criteria
• Setting mandatory separate collection of biowaste at EU, national and local levels

What you hope to achieve at #GGGW2021:
• Enhancing partnership with local CSOs, authorities and funding partners beyond EU
• Understanding better the needs and challenges of non-EU countries to adapt learnings from EU experience on circular economy;
• Limiting potential negative impacts linked to trade and the shifting responsibility on other countries (e.g shipments of waste, of secondary raw materials or reused products, or trade of inefficient/hazardous materials)

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Mr. Stephane Arditi
Director for Policy Integration & Circular Economy
Mr Eudes Kayumba is a Rwandan architect with more than 25 years experience working on projects in Rwanda and around East Africa. He has consulted on and guided numerous infrastructural projects for organisations and ministries in Rwanda and UN projects. His expertise in building and urban design has guided the Ministries of Education, infrastructure as well as the City of Kigali to achieve their infrastructural plans and monitor their impact on the environment.

Mr Kayumba has a Masters of Science Degree in Building and Urban design from University College of London as well as Post Graduate Diploma in Architecture from the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

He is the Managing Director and Principal Architect of Landmark Ltd, a full service architectural firm based in Kigali Rwanda. In addition, Mr Kayumba is currently serving as the founding chairman of Rwanda Green Building Organization, Chairman of Rwanda Architects, Planners and Surveyors Registration Board and the Vice President of Africa Union of Architects.

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.