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## Enhancing Countries' Direct Access to Climate Finance (Africa and the Middle East)

### 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.



Pa Ousman Jarju

Director, Country Programming  
Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Pa Ousman Jarju is Director of GCF's Country Programming Division. Formerly, he was the Gambian Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources and Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Pa Ousman was Special Climate Change Envoy of the Gambia and has extensive diplomatic experience across the 47 LDCs, China, the United States and the European Union. He has gained wide-ranging managerial experience in the Gambia's Department of Water Resources as its Director and then overseeing Minister. Pa Ousman holds advanced diplomas from the Institute of Commercial Management (UK) and the IHE Institute for Water Education (the Netherlands), as well as a Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering.



Dan Buckley

Manager, Green Climate Fund  
Readiness and Preparatory Support  
Programme,  
Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Daniel Buckley manages the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. He has over 17 years of experience in climate change and development working with multilateral organizations, UN agencies, and academic institutions.



Mr. Issaka Ouedraogo

Adviser to the Prime  
Minister/Environment Inspector

Issaka Ouedraogo is an Adviser to the Prime Minister of Burkina Faso/Environmental Inspector. He earned his MSc in Environmental Health, and he has over 14 years of experiences in the fields of education, environment, sustainable development, climate change and climate finance.

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Mr. Marcel Yao

Technical Advisor to the Minister in  
charge of International Cooperation  
and Resource Mobilization

Marcel Yao is an Agroforestry Engineer by training and holds a Master's in Environmental Management, Climate Change and Sustainable Development from ENGREF in Montpellier. For the past 7 years, he was the first Coordinator of the National Climate Change Program of Côte d'Ivoire. Its commitment to the fight against climate change and ecological transition in Africa have a lot to do with Côte d'Ivoire's membership in the most important international funds to fight against climate change. He is a founding member of the West African Network of Experts for Ecology and Climate Change (REFACC). Marcel Yao is currently Technical Advisor to the Minister of the Environment of Cote d'Ivoire and Green Fund Focal Point for his country.



Mr. Habtamu Denboba

Senior Resource Mobilization and M&E  
Specialist/  
Alternate NDA for GCF

Habtamu Denboba is a specialist at Senior Resource Mobilization and M&E Specialist/ Alternative NDA for GCF of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC). Together with GGGI, the Government of Ethiopia works in the planning and implementation of its green growth objectives. This includes ongoing technical support with development, implementation and planning of Climate Resilient Green Strategy (CRGE) strategy and its integration in Ethiopia's national growth and development plan (GTP II), preparation and implementation of GCF Readiness proposal.

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Mrs. Wafa Abu Samra

Accreditation Focal Point, Cities and Villages Development Bank

Mrs. Wafa Abu Samra, Head of International Project Division, Cities and Villages Development Bank. She developed a project with European Investment Bank to finance Municipal energy efficiency projects that will enable them to reduce dependency on the conventional sources of energy and replaced by greener options. She also started allocating a portion of CVDB's budget for green financing and adopting strategies that will enable CVDB to be capable to operate according to international standards. She is leading the coordination for the bank between different stakeholders in Jordan and development partners to compliment and assist CVDB's efforts to support climate action and the transition to a green economy.

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Mrs. Juliet Kabera

Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority

Juliet Kabera is the Director General of the Rwanda Environment Management Authority, to which she was appointed in May 2020. Prior to her appointment, she held the position of Director General of Environment and Climate Change at the Ministry of Environment. Juliet began her career as an Environment Management Officer, at a time when Rwanda was developing much of its forward-looking environmental institutions and policies and enforcement of different laws such as the 2008 law banning plastic bags in Rwanda and the 2019 law banning single use plastics. Juliet currently served as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol in the year 2019/2020. Juliet KABERA graduated with a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biochemistry from Makerere University Kampala, in March 2002, she graduated in Masters of Public Health at Jomo Kenyeta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) in June 2020 and a Masters in Conservation MBA at the African Leadership University.



Julie Robles

Manager for Partnership and  
GCF Portfolio, GGGI

Julie Robles is the Manager for Partnership and GCF Portfolio. She has over 15 years of experience in proposal development, evaluation of adaptation projects, and project management. Prior to her work at GGGI, she was engaged as a consultant on ADB investment projects in Mongolia, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan as well as regional cooperation technical assistance projects covering 10 countries in Asia. She has evaluated government disaster risk reduction projects and supported the implementation of foreign-assisted integrated urban development project in the Philippines. Julie is a licensed civil engineer and holds an MSc in Human Settlements from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. She has also completed a course in Globalization from the University of Oxford.



Mr. Mahamadou Tounkara

Director of  
Office of the Director General, GGGI

As Director of GGGI's ODG (Governance, Strategies, Partnerships, Communications) Division, and a member of the Management Team, **Mr. Mahamadou Tounkara** leads the team to provide strategic advice and supports to the Director General in driving corporate governance and strategic engagements with member & partner countries, developing and maintaining relationships with partners, initiating policy and strategy formulation, guiding the resource mobilization efforts and leading the change management initiatives.

He ensures that the Director General is effectively supported to play his role as the 'global voice' for green growth through his following responsibilities:

- Playing Senior Strategic Adviser role to the Director General, in building and delivery of the orientations to translate the vision and change management initiatives into results-oriented actions
- Ensuring strong leadership and management of services to GGGI's Governing Bodies
- Leading the Team in charge of Governance to provide the supports to the President & Chair of GGGI's Assembly & Council, Mr BAN Ki-Moon (United Nations 8th Secretary General), to efficiently support the functioning of our Governance Organs, maintain and establish effective engagements and relations with governments of Member Countries, and relations with Host Country.
- Leading the Team in charge Partnership with the mandate to lead the core-funding of GGGI, support and sometimes lead GGGI's organization-wide business development & resource mobilization efforts
- Leading the Team in charge of Strategies to lead the development of the strategic direction of the organization, define the Corporate Results Framework (CRF), shape GGGI's ambition to be outcomes-driven, evidence-based, and measurement-focused in its delivery
- Leading the Team in charge of Communication to drive the implementation of the communications strategic orientations
- Supporting the Management Team in Organizational level commitments delivery & coordination

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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.

