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Inclusive Green Growth: Partnership for Climate Resilient Urban Development

Speakers



H.E. Ban Ki-moon

President of the Assembly and Chair of
the Council, 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.



Ms. Ingvild Solvang

Deputy Director, Head of 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.



Rashidah Kamaluddin

Founder & Managing Director,
KotaKita, Malaysia
and UNICEF Youth Ambassador

Rashidah Kamaluddin is the Founder and Managing Director of KotaKita (Malaysia), a newly-formed NGO that advocates for community-led city and regional planning. She is also a Master in Urban Planning at University of Melbourne, under the prestigious Australia Awards scholarship. The two pillars that have been driving her green growth advocacy are inclusivity and resiliency. She believes both are intertwined and are the cores for livable city-regions and human-nature coexistence. KotaKita have been playing the role in catalyzing knowledge-exchange between diverse groups of communities and authorities, bridging the gap in city-regional planning discourse and supporting green and sustainable initiatives.

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Ms. Bertha Chiudza

Senior Gender and Social
Development Specialist, GGGI

Bertha Wakisa Chiudza is the Senior Officer for Gender and Social Development with GGGI. She has over 13 years of experience working in the development and humanitarian sectors with a focus on gender equality, social inclusion, and poverty eradication. Prior to joining GGGI's HQ in Seoul, Bertha was the Gender Mainstreaming Coordinator for the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) based at its HQ in Denmark. Over the years, Bertha has also worked with a number of institutions, holding various program roles such as Oxfam International, UNFPA, WFP, Plan International and other local CSO's in Malawi. With Oxfam International, she was appointed as the of co-chair of the Transformative Leadership for Women's Rights Global working group and in Malawi, together with the country team and local women's rights groups, she led and facilitated the formulation of a number women's rights movement groups such as the Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Campaign, Elect Her Campaign (women in political leadership) and the Malawi Women's Manifesto Movement.

Bertha holds a Master of Arts Degree in Gender and International Development from the Institute of Education, University College of London (UCL). She has undergone various professional trainings in gender in emergencies, human rights and child centered programing, project management, leadership and crisis management.

Bertha is an award winner of the Pan Africa's Most Influential Women in Business and Government by the CEO Global and Titans: Building Nations, 2019. She was also recognized as a Global Goodwill Ambassador (Humanitarian) in 2019.



Ms. Seonmi Choi

Climate and Environment Advisor,
UNICEF East Asia Pacific
Regional Office

Seonmi is a global climate change and sustainability expert with extensive experience in climate resilience, climate mitigation, environmental finance and sustainable development strategies.

Seonmi is currently working to advance climate and environmental actions for children in East Asia and the Pacific as UNICEF Regional Advisor. Prior to this role, Seonmi led the United Nations Poverty-Environment Initiative in the Asia-Pacific region at the UN Environment Programme and developed and managed climate adaptation and green economy initiatives for Sub-Saharan African countries at the UN Development Programme. Before joining the United Nations, Seonmi worked for the Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development of the Republic of Korea, an international microfinance NGO and multilateral financial institutions in Africa.

Mr. John Carstensen

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Nicholas Taylor

Senior Officer, IPSD, GGGI

Nicholas Taylor is a climate change adaptation, resilience and urban development specialist and a Senior Officer within the Investment and Policy Solutions Division (IPSD) at GGGI Headquarters in Seoul. Before this role he was posted to Myanmar as GGGI's GCF Readiness Project Lead. Previous to GGGI he worked for various UN agencies (UNDP, UN-Habitat, UN Secretariat) as well as for the Rockefeller Foundation, Oxfam and the Asian Development Bank on project formulation, implementation, strategy, and research across the Asia Pacific region. Before moving his base to the region, he worked in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters and for the Architecture and Urban Planning firm ANMA.

Nicholas holds a dual Masters from the London School of Economics and Sciences-Po Paris in Urban and Regional Development and an undergraduate degree from University College London in European Social and Political Studies.



Mr. Tom Bosschaert

Director of
Except Integrated Sustainability

Tom founded Except in 1999 with a mission to find systemic solutions for our societal challenges by combining science, business, design, and communication. In the past decades, Tom has developed over 700 pioneering projects for cities, buildings, business, policy, and industry. As director and designer, he's driven Except's bio-based architectural and urban designs, such as the Merredin Algae plant, Shanghai vertical agriculture tower systems, Salesforce Park in San Francisco, ReGen Villages in Oosterwold, Almere, and the urban redevelopment of large and small cities around the world. In 2016, he launched the concept of Catalytic buildings. He spearheads developments ranging from software for supply chain optimization to sustainable agriculture systems such as Polydome. In 2021, he and Except developed the concept of the world-first self-sustaining city named Orchid City. Tom also developed the Symbiosis in Development (SiD) methodology that lies at the core of Except's operations.

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Mr. Kevin Drouin

Program Officer, CityNet

Kevin currently works as a Program Officer at CityNet, a network representing over 100 cities in Asia-Pacific pursuing sustainable development. At CityNet, Kevin is managing the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, a joint project with ESCAP and the Seoul Metropolitan Government, which consists of an online platform where city government officials can share their local best practices and policies on the implementation of the SDGs.

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Ximena Aristizabal Clavijo

Article 6 Senior Officer, GGGI

Ximena Aristizabal Clavijo is the Global Coordinator of the Program “Designing Policy Approaches under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement” in the Carbon Pricing Unit in GGGI, advising on the design of international carbon transactions in Vietnam, Senegal, Indonesia, and Morocco. She has more than 15 years of experience working with international organizations in the design and implementation of climate change policies, with a focus in carbon accounting and carbon pricing instruments. Before joining GGGI, Ximena was the technical coordinator of the Partnership for Market Readiness in Mexico, supporting the Mexican government in the definitions of rules and technical components of the Emission Trading System.

Ximena holds a master’s degree in civil and environmental engineering from Cornell University in the United States, she is also an Environmental Engineer from La Salle University in Colombia.



Ms. Maja Groff

Convenor,
Climate Governance Commission,
Global Challenges Foundation

Maja Groff is an international lawyer based in The Hague, and is a Convenor of the Climate Governance Commission, which seeks to propose high impact global governance innovations adequate to meet the climate challenge. As a Principal Legal Officer, she has previously worked on the development and administration of multiple multilateral treaties, as well as at international criminal tribunals, has taught at the Hague Academy of International Law and is currently a Visiting Professor at Leiden University, Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs. A graduate of Harvard, Oxford, and McGill Universities, and she is an attorney admitted to practice in the state of New York, formerly working in corporate law. She was a co-winner of a major international prize in 2018 on global governance innovation (New Shape Prize). She serves on the Advisory Boards of BCorp Europe and ebbf, organisations devoted to ethical business, and is a NOW Partner.



Mr. In Woo Jung

Senior Knowledge Management
Officer, Green Growth Knowledge
Partnership (GGKP)

In Woo manages GGKP, including the Green Growth Expert Connect solution and the Green Learning Network. Prior to joining GGKP, In Woo has worked on country implementation, reporting and outreach at the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) from UN Environment Programme.

GGKP is the largest network of global experts and organisations committed to generating, managing and sharing knowledge to support the design and implementation of inclusive green growth policies and practices. Since 2012, the GGKP has been dedicated to providing the policy, business, and finance communities with knowledge, guidance, data, and tools to transition to an inclusive green economy. Today, the GGKP has expanded to a global partnership of nearly 80 partners.

Social media links:

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GGKP website: [Green Policy Platform](#), [Green Industry Platform](#), [Green Finance Platform](#)



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.

