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*Increasing Access to Climate Finance in the Pacific*

## 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 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. Laetitia De Marez

Director,  
Climate Finance Access Network

**Laetitia De Marez** is a Senior Principal/Director leading RMI's Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN). Prior to joining RMI, Laetitia led the work of Climate Analytics on international climate finance, capacity building, and implementation strategies in Caribbean and Pacific Small Island Developing States and in West Africa. Laetitia has deep experience supporting Small Island States and Least Developed Countries in the UNFCCC and Green Climate Fund Board negotiations. She has also supported developing countries' institutions in building lasting capacity and piloting new approaches to unlock climate finance, through participatory processes including all key stakeholders from the private sector to local communities affected by climate impacts. Previously, she oversaw the work on NDC revisions in the Caribbean and West Africa.



Dr. Lasse Ringius

Director and Lead,  
Green Investment Services  
Global Practice,  
Nepal Country Representative,  
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**Lasse Ringius** is the Director and Lead of Green Investment Services Global Practice and Nepal Country Representative at GGGI. Lasse combines more than 25 years of professional experience in green infrastructure and climate finance at, among others, International Finance Corporation, i.e., the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, the World Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Risø Centre, and CICERO, a leading international climate and environment think tank. Prior to joining GGGI, Lasse worked at the IFC, where he focused on innovative climate finance/carbon-linked structures and products. He led the design and October 2016 launch of a first-of-its-kind \$152 million bond for forest conservation issued by IFC and developed new products for carbon trading platforms in China. In his assignment at the World Bank, he oversaw the preparation of more than 80 carbon off-take agreements, worth around \$540 million. He has been appointed by the UNFCCC CDM Executive Board as international energy expert, has published articles on energy, environment, and climate issues in leading peer-reviewed journals, and has been a reviewer for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Lasse holds a Ph.D. from the European University Institute, and was a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Enhancing awareness on needs for upscaling of programs and finance by identification, design and development of bankable projects and green fund structures in GGGI member countries.

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Ms. Charlotte Camille Turk

Regional Technical Lead for the Pacific  
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Charlotte has 11 years of work experience on both private and development sector. She worked majority of her career developing renewable energy projects in Philippines. Internationally (in GGGI), she supported the electric mobility projects in Nepal, Solar project in Guyana, Belt and Road project in China. In the Pacific, she worked on E-Bus concept note and supported the final works on solar for off-grid hotels. Her expertise includes financial modelling, private sector engagement, project development and financing/capital raising.

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**Mr. Maroun Fayssal** is from Global Affairs Canada.



Mr. Jeffrey Lamb

Director of Climate Finance Division,  
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As the Director of the Climate Finance Division for the Republic of Kiribati, **Jeffrey** leads the strategic engagement with multilateral funds and development partners for accessing and programming climate finance.

Jeffrey also serves as the Board Chair of Nexus for Development, a Singapore domiciled impact investment fund manager and Carbon Asset Manager for supporting low carbon development in Southeast Asia.

Previously, Jeffrey served as a consultant with the Green Climate Fund's Division of Country Programming (DCP) and UNDP's Nature, Climate and Energy Team.

Jeffrey has held several leadership roles in international economic development that include serving as the Head of UK Trade and Investment in Cambodia, a Ministerial Advisor, and an Investment Oversight Committee Member for an infrastructure fund of the Australian government.

Jeffrey holds an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School.

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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.

