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## Low Emissions Climate Resilient Development 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 unanimously elected as the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council by the two respective governance organs of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). His leadership has been instrumental for the Institute to help its Members adopt the green growth—environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive—model of development.

In addition to leading GGGI, Mr. Ban serves as the Chair of the Boao Forum for Asia since April 2018. Along with the former President of Austria Mr. Heinz Fischer, he serves as CoChair 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 BA in International Relations from Seoul National University and MA in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University



H.E. Philip Turner

Ambassador of New Zealand to the Republic of South Korea.

Philip Turner was appointed New Zealand Ambassador to the Republic of Korea (South Korea) in March 2018. He is concurrently Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). Philip has extensive experience as a diplomat and a business leader in North Asia, with a particular focus on North Asia. With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, he served on postings to the New Zealand Embassies in Tokyo and Brussels.

He then moved to Fonterra where he worked for 18 years in a variety of senior positions in Shanghai, Tokyo, Brussels and Auckland. He managed Fonterra's business in China, and most recently was Director of Global Stakeholder Affairs at Fonterra in Auckland. Philip attended the University of Auckland in New Zealand where he graduated with a First Class Master of Arts in History.

He speaks fluent French and Japanese, conversational Chinese, and is enjoying becoming acquainted with the Korean language. Philip is joined in Seoul by his partner Hiroshi Ikeda. Philip and Hiroshi are passionate about embracing diversity in our society.

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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).



Daniel Muñoz-Smith

Country Representative for Fiji,  
Kiribati, Tonga and Vanuatu,  
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**Daniel Muñoz-Smith** is the Country Representative for GGGI in Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga and Vanuatu. In this role, Daniel is responsible for managing and supporting respective country teams to deliver programs of work designed to achieve national development goals and climate actions. Daniel is also responsible for engaging with Member country governments and cultivating new business opportunities and partnerships that support the sustainability and scale-up of in-country programs.

Prior to this role, Daniel Muñoz-Smith spent 5 years within GGGI's Office of the Director-General, supporting GGGI to fulfill its strategic vision by developing and maintaining relationships with partners, communicating impact to mobilize resources, and raising the profile of the organization as one of the world's top-tier green growth solutions providers.

Before joining the organization, Daniel worked with the Korean Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning to deliver the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2014. Daniel also spent close to 3 years working with the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development.

Daniel holds an MA in International Development and an MBA in Information and Media.



Ms. Teaaro Otiuea

Deputy Director of Agriculture and  
Livestock Division, Ministry of  
Environment, Lands and Agriculture  
Development (MELAD), Republic of  
Kiribati.

**Teaaro Otiuea** is the Deputy Director of the Agriculture and Livestock Division, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development in Kiribati, where she has served for 25 years in the area of Plant Protection & Quarantine for 8 years, the Training Unit for 1 year, became the Principal Agricultural Officer for 5 years and then Deputy Director for 5 years now. Some of her professional appointments, education awards, or research, are: Board Director at the Kiribati Copra Development Limited (KCDL) – 2015 to 2020; Awarded the Bachelor of Biological Sciences from the University of Waikato (NZ) in 2006; Awarded the Masters in Entomology from the University of Pingtung (Taiwan) in 2009. Her vision for Agriculture in Kiribati, its future in terms and adaptation and climate change entails to be able to feed the entire local population with affordable, healthy, locally produced food. Kiribati futures – 'Kiribati people to become a happy, healthy and wealthy population'.



**Akesiu K. Fifita** is the Assistant Secretary for Mitigation Division/Department of Climate change in Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change, and Communication.

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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.

