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## Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development and Human Wellbeing in Africa

### 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



Dr. Gemedo Dalle

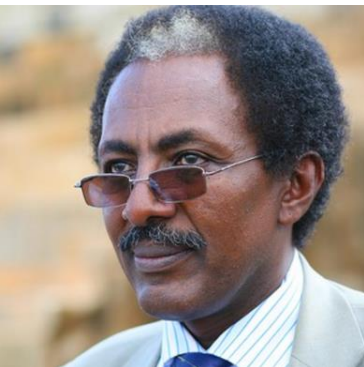
Country Representative,  
GGGI Ethiopia

**Dr. Gemedo Dalle** had served at a capacity of Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Ethiopia from November 2016 to October 2018. He had coordinated implementation of the Ethiopian Climate Resilient Green Economy Strategy across different federal sectors and regional governments. Furthermore, he had served as Chairman of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) and Least Developed Countries (LDC) for two years.

Furthermore, Dr Gemedo Dalle had served as Chair for the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical and Technological Advises (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) from November 2012 to October 2014. He was among the African negotiators for the Nagoya protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing of the CBD and also served as National Primary Focal Person for the CBD, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) and Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

He had been Director General of the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute from 2012 to October 2016. He served in different capacities in the same institute in the past including as Director of the Genetic Resources Transfer and Regulation Directorate and Head of the Forest Genetic Resources Conservation Department.

Gemedo holds a PhD in Ecology (Agricultural Sciences) from Georg-August University of Goettingen, Germany, MSc in Botanical Sciences (Biology) and BSc in Biology both from Addis Ababa University. He is Associate Professor of Vegetation Ecology and Biodiversity Management in Addis Ababa University and has been teaching, supervising and conducting research in diverse fields.



H.E. Professor Fekadu Beyene

Commissioner,  
Environment, Forest and Climate  
Change Commission (EFCCC)

**Professor Fekadu Beyene** was appointed Commissioner for the Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) in October 2018. He was previously Minister of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and State Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources. He holds a PhD in Dairy Technology from the Agricultural University of Norway and a MSc in Animal Production from Alemaya University. He was the founding President of Wollega University from 2009-2016 and served as President of the Ethiopian Civil Service University in 2016. He also served as President of the Consortium of Ethiopian Public Universities from 2014-2016. He has a long career in higher education, working at several universities in Ethiopia in higher level roles for over 40 years. He has been a member of many national steering committees and taskforces as well as a coordinator in international bilateral and multilateral projects.

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Mr. Charles Karangwa

Regional Head of Land Systems and  
IUCN Country Representative, Rwanda

**Mr. Charles Karangwa** is the Regional Lead for Forests, Landscapes and Livelihoods Programme for Africa at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and serves as Country Director for Rwanda Office since 2016. Charles has led IUCN work on land restoration in Africa as part of the Bonn Challenge and African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100), he engaged both governments and non-states actors to bring Africa's commitments to land restoration up to speed. Charles recently joined the COP26 High Level Champion team as the lead for land restoration in Africa and works to engage private sector and other non-state actors for an ambitious climate action to Race to Zero and Race to Resilience by 2050. Prior to Joining IUCN, he worked for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Oxfam, Care International and Wildlife Conservation Society.

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Dr. Tadesse Woldemariam

Executive Director,  
Environment and Coffee Forest Forum  
(ECFF)

**Dr. Tadesse Woldemariam** is Executive Director of Environment and Coffee Forest Forum (ECFF).

Dr. Adefires Worku

National Coordinator,  
GLI Technical Committee

**Mr. Muluneh Gebremariam** is National Coordinator from GLI Technical Committee.

Mr. Lamine Bruno Morin  
BOS – Plan Senegal Emergent

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Mr. Aaron Adu  
Global Shea Alliance

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Mr. François Xavier Tetero

GGGI

**Mr. François Xavier Tetero** is a Senior Officer in charge of Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management at the Global Green Growth Institute-Rwanda Program.

Prior to joining GGGI, he occupied various senior positions in the Government of Rwanda; the latest being as the Head of Water Resources Management Department at the former Rwanda Water and Forestry Authority where he was leading the management of water resources in Rwanda.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Water Resources and Environmental Management from the National University of Rwanda in collaboration with UNESCO-IHE and a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the same University.



Ms. Liliane Mupende

GGGI

**Ms. Liliane Uwanziga Mupende** is working with GGGI as the GCF NAP Project Coordinator. She joins GGGI coming from her role as the Project Manager for NOBELIA, an upcoming high performance, low energy green building located in the CBD. Prior to this for close to 3 years as the Chief Executive Officer of Ultimate Developers Ltd. (2015- 2017), she led a dynamic team in the company's ambition to rapidly transform the real estate sector in Rwanda by executing Vision City Phase 1, the largest residential neighborhood in Rwanda. She transitioned into the private sector from a planning and regulatory background having worked for the City of Kigali for over seven years.

In her role as the Director of Urban Planning and Construction One Stop Centre at the City, she contributed to initiatives towards the sustainable growth of the City of Kigali. Through the implementation of the Master Plan, building control regulations and other relevant laws and regulations that govern construction in Rwanda, she played a part in addressing the challenges of rapid urbanization. At the backbone of this was fostering an investment climate by ensuring compliance with the clients' charter and guaranteeing better service delivery.

Liliane served as a board member on the board of Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (2013-2017), and is currently serving on the boards of Rwanda Transport Development Authority and Rwanda Institute of Architects.

She graduated from Makerere University, Uganda with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (2002) and University of Twente, The Netherlands with a Master's of Science in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation for Urban Planning and Management (2011).



Ms. Marie Veyrier

Development Director  
Global Shea Alliance

**Ms. Marie Veyrier** is from Global Shea Alliance. Shea parklands are essential to climate change mitigations as well as a source of income for local populations. The Global Shea Alliance is working with its members and partners to restore shea parklands, and promote an integrated, mutually-beneficial model of collaboration with smallholder agriculture. This model is currently piloted in Nigeria, with the objective to be scaled up across shea producing communities in West Africa.

Hope to achieve at #GGGW2021:

I would like to connect with donors, partners, and private sector who are interested in promoting agroforestry and landscape restoration across Africa.

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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.

