

*The Road to COP26: what does success look like for developed
and developing countries?*

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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 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.



Mr. Mahamadou Tounkara

Director
(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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Simon Smith

British Ambassador to the
Republic of Korea

Simon Smith has been British Ambassador to the Republic of Korea since March 2018. He first visited North and South Korea in 2002-4 when he was Head of the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office's NE Asia & Pacific Department.

He has served as British Ambassador to Ukraine and to Austria – where he was also the UK's Permanent Representative to UN and international organisations in Vienna, and the UK Governor on the Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

He began his career in the Diplomatic Service in 1986, and has also worked – largely on economic, trade and investment issues – at the British Embassies in Tokyo and Moscow. Simon is from Bristol, and studied German and French at Oxford University.

He spent 6 months in Seoul continuing his study of Korean in 2017. In addition to these languages, he speaks Russian, Ukrainian and Japanese. His wife, Sian Stickings, a lawyer by training, is also a keen linguist and a student of Korean. They have two daughters who live and work in the UK.



Tong-Q Lee

Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Tong-Q LEE is the Director-General of the Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Scientific Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.

For over 20 years, he has served the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, specifically focused on environmental issues. He was a Head of Climate Change and Environment Team, Counselor of the Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations and actively involved in SDGs and Rio+20 Negotiation. Prior to his current position, he served as a Deputy Consul-General of the Korean Consulate General in Hamburg. He became a Deputy Director-General of the Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Scientific Affairs Bureau in 2018 and has actively engaged in a wide spectrum of environmental issues including the climate change negotiations.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Diplomacy at Yonsei University, and Master's Degree in International Security at Yonsei Graduate School of Public Administration. He studied Environment and Regulation at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK, and Law and Development at the University of Warwick, UK.



Gloria Cid Carreño

Chilean Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

Gloria Cid is a career diplomat, graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of Chile "Andrés Bello". She has a degree in History from the University of Chile and has specialized in international relations, multilateral diplomacy, economic-commercial issues and China.

In Santiago, she has held various positions related to Consular Affairs; the Directorate of Asia Pacific; the Directorate of Planning; and the Directorate of Human and International Security. She has been Deputy Director of the Asia Pacific Directorate and Deputy Director of the International and Human Security Directorate. Prior to her appointment to the mission in Korea, she was Director of North America, Central America and the Caribbean.

In the international arena, she has served as Head of Delegation for the SDG's negotiations (2013-14); Head of Delegation for the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 negotiations (2015); Coordinator of the Chilean delegation to the Summit of Heads of State and Government for the adoption of the "Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development" (2015); Head of the delegation to the High Level Political Forum (2016-2017); and Head of the negotiations of the XIV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC (January 2020).

She also acted as Coordinator of the Chilean delegation to the 6th interactive dialogue "Building inclusive, effective and accountable institutions to achieve sustainable development", co-chaired by President Michelle Bachelet, together with the President of the Republic of Korea, Park Geun-hye (2015).

She has served in the Chilean Embassies in Costa Rica, Venezuela, Russian Federation, People's Republic of China and the Chilean Mission to the United Nations in New York. She was appointed Ambassador of Chile to the Republic of Korea in May of 2020.



Dr Achala Abeysinghe

Asia Program Director, GGGI

Dr. Achala Abeysinghe is the Asia Regional Director and Head of Programs for GGGI. She has over 16 years of managerial, advisory and research experience in leading high-performing teams to deliver complex, innovative and results oriented strategies and programmes.

Prior to joining GGGI, Dr. Abeysinghe was the Head of the Global Climate Law, Policy and Governance Team at International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED-UK) as well as Head of the European Capacity Building Initiative (ecbi) Training and Support Programme for nearly 12 years.

A lawyer by training, Dr. Abeysinghe was the legal, technical and strategy advisor to the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group under the UNFCCC negotiations, advising the Gambia, Nepal, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and the Royal Government of Bhutan from 2010 to 2019. She was also lead author of the chapter on Climate Resilient Pathways in the 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Dr. Abeysinghe holds a PhD in International Environmental & Climate Change Law and a Master of Laws degree in International Environmental Law & Policy from Kent Law School at University of Kent, UK. In 2008, she was Robert S. McNamara Research Fellow of the World Bank, conducting her research at the Vrije University, The Netherlands. Prior to moving to the UK, she graduated from Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka with an LLB (Hons) degree and worked as a lecturer in Environmental Law at the Legal Studies Department of the Open University of Sri Lanka. She's also an attorney-at-law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Abeysinghe is a trusted advisor to various high-performing international organizations such as the Mission 2020 led by former UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres. In 2015, she was nominated as one of the top 15 female climate champions in the world in recognition of her role in negotiating the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.



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.

Tom Moody

Regional Director SEA, Climate &
Energy, UK Foreign, Commonwealth &
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Tenzin Wangmo

Climate Diplomacy Advisor, Office of
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Climate Change

Ms. Tenzin Wangmo currently works in the Office of the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group under UN Climate Change supporting the Chair and LDC Group's engagement within and outside the UNFCCC process. Prior to that she was the Chief of the Climate Change Division in the National Environment Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan, responsible for leading, facilitating and coordinating climate policies, strategies, plans and programs on climate actions in the country. She also serves as an alternate national focal point of Bhutan to UNFCCC and fulfills obligations under UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement. In 2019, she also served as a lead negotiator for LDC Group at technical sessions of the negotiations.

Tenzin worked in various areas and capacities ranging from climate change to water management and as planning officer in Gross National Happiness Commission and implementing development activities at the local level.



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).

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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.

