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## The Role of Green Investments & Innovative Financing Mechanisms

### 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.



Dr. Lasse Ringius

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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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**Jannata (Egi) Giwangkara** is a Senior Project Manager at ClimateWorks Australia. He introduced, set, and framed the energy transition narrative in Indonesia's national development plan by providing evidence-based recommendations for key policy and decision-makers. He also supported both national and provincial Indonesian governments in developing, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting the GHG emissions reduction from the energy-based sectors (power, transport, and industry), including updating and improving its methodology, under the National & Regional Plan on GHG Emissions Reduction (RAN & RAD-GRK) and Low Carbon Development Indonesia (LCDI) framework.

**Michael Dolan** is a Project Manager at ClimateWorks Australia. He managed Phase I of the ASEAN Green Future project, coordinating the completion of seven country reports from across Southeast Asia, and managing and mapping project inputs across systems for enhanced action. He is a lead author of the regional report for the ASEAN Green Future Phase I project being developed by ClimateWorks Australia, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and seven country partner research teams.

Hope to achieve at #GGGWeek2021:

We hope to share and link knowledge about the challenges and opportunities to catalyse low-carbon and climate-resilient transition in Southeast Asia, particularly seeking to learn from other presenters about the financial instruments, innovations, and policies that can deliver equitable climate financing at scale for ASEAN Member States in the decade ahead.

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**Jacob Hensel** lives in Tokyo, Japan where he reads, writes, and speaks about green finance and investment in a private capacity and works as a program manager for the Corps of Engineers, a US government agency specializing in infrastructure design and construction. Previously he served as senior economist and lead planner for water resource projects throughout the southwestern United States. He holds a BA in psychology from the University of Michigan, an MA in international affairs from the University of California San Diego, the Chartered Financial Analyst charter from the CFA Institute, and the Project Management Professional credential from the Project Management Institute.

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Exploring what Greening Finance means, sharing ideas to finance sustainable development, and call to action finance professionals, regulators, and other interested parties.

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Dr. Hanna Kang,  
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**Dr. Hanna Kang** achieved her doctoral degree in urban development at the Technische Universität Dresden, in collaboration with the Leibniz-Institut für ökologische Raumentwicklung in Germany. She has been working on dynamics of societal change, and approaches and interventions to lead the emergence of such change towards sustainability, with the particular emphasis on urban and regional areas. Her research interest is on policy experiments that are designed to create synergies between innovative visions/regulations/technologies and stakeholder practices/actions across spatial scales. She is a postdoctoral researcher at Green Technology Center (GTC).

**Dr. Kim Min-chul** is a senior researcher at the Green Technology Center, a government-funded research institute in the Republic of Korea. He received his Ph. D degree in Environmental Economics from Seoul National University of Science and Technology (Republic of Korea). His current expertise is in the direction of international law policy around Korea's legal system and international climate technology policy related to capacity-building issues.

The GTC is South Korea's national research institute that is dedicated to promoting the advancement of the national climate industry and to contributing to the global efforts in responding to climate change by establishing Green Climate Technology (GCT) policies and assisting domestic and international climate technology cooperation. It aims to be a leading think tank for inclusive and innovative global growth responding to climate change.

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**Soo-hyun Lee** is currently a Visiting Scholar Fellow in sustainable finance at the Asia Centre, Seoul National University (2021-2022); an Agenda 2030 PhD Researcher at Lund University, Faculty of Law; and a Private Sector Integrity and Due Diligence Research Analyst at the UN Development Programme. From 2018, he has operated a boutique intelligence firm called the Information Symmetry Law and Policy Group that specializes in economic, industrial, and investment law and policy, particularly in relation to sustainable development issues. His doctoral research examines the interaction between international investment law and sustainable finance, as well as the implications of that interaction for Financing for Sustainable Development. His broader research interests include international economic law, investment treaty arbitration, sustainable investment, and Law and Development.

## 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.

