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Unlocking the potential of Climate Finance & Carbon Pricing 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 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. Fenella Aouane

Deputy Director
and Head of Carbon Pricing Unit,
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Fenella Aouane is a Principal Green Finance Specialist in GGGI's Green Investment Services Department. Fenella has over 20 year experience in the financial markets. Most recently Fenella was part of the Environmental Markets team in Standard Bank, Africa's largest bank. She helped to lead the bank into multiple award winning, first- to- market transactions involving, amongst others, pre-payments against tranching portfolios of emission reducing projects. She later focused on origination in Africa, resulting in the bank holding the largest portfolio of African emission reducing projects globally. She helped to run the ACAD (Africa Carbon Asset Development) program – the first public/private program of its type between UNEP FI and Standard Bank to help allocate grant funding and develop capacity building for green projects across sub-Saharan Africa. Most recently she has worked with international agencies such as the World Bank and the Swedish government to help fund early capital for programmatic green projects.

She is a board member of the industry association Climate Markets Investors Association (CMIA) which promotes low carbon growth through market mechanisms and adds to the discussion of finding further green finance solutions across both the formal and voluntary sectors.

Previously Fenella has run teams in financial institutions helping clients in the energy markets with risk management through the commodity derivatives markets, working within banks and corporates such as Natixis and Cargill. She has lived in South Africa and London and has travelled extensively within Europe and Africa.

Fenella has an honors degree in Business from Oxford Brookes university and is an Approved Person with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the UK.



Mr. Nacif Safouane

Senior Program Officer,
Designing Article 6 Policy Approaches,
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Mr. Ludwig Liagre

Managing director, Rioimpact,
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Ludwig Liagre is the founder of Rio Impact, an advisory company specializing in finance for biodiversity, land and climate benefits. Ludwig is passionate about the development of domestic financing mechanisms and investment vehicles for climate action and biodiversity conservation. Between 2009 and 2014 Ludwig operated as forest policy and finance advisor for the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in Middle East North Africa and Latin America, implementing impactful projects at the interface of the three Rio conventions (CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD). From 2014 to 2017 he advised public and private organizations as international consultant. He worked with UN agencies such as UNDP and FAO to promote the importance of Nature-based Solutions. More recently he operated as Climate Change Specialist at the European Investment Bank (EIB) and as Programme Officer at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), where he supervised work on Land Degradation Neutrality Transformative Projects and Programmes. He holds MScs in Agricultural Sciences & Environmental Economics from AgroParisTech, France and a MBA from Le Collège des Ingénieurs, France-Germany-Italy.

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Mr. Matthias Kaldorf is a PhD Candidate at the **University of Cologne**, an associated member of the Cluster of Excellence **ECONtribute**, and a PhD Intern at the Bank of Finland's Research Unit. His research interests lie at the intersection of **financial economics** and **macroeconomics** (primary) and **financial econometrics** and **international finance** (secondary).

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Ms. Ximena Aristizabal

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Ximena Aristizabal Clavijo is the Global Coordinator of the Program "Designing Policy Approaches under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement" in the Carbon Pricing Unit in GGGI, advising on the design of international carbon transactions in Vietnam, Senegal, Indonesia, and Morocco. She has more than 15 years of experience working with international organizations in the design and implementation of climate change policies, with a focus in carbon accounting and carbon pricing instruments. Before joining GGGI, Ximena was the technical coordinator of the Partnership for Market Readiness in Mexico, supporting the Mexican government in the definitions of rules and technical components of the Emission Trading System.

Ximena holds a master's degree in civil and environmental engineering from Cornell University in the United States, she is also an Environmental Engineer from La Salle University in Colombia.



Mr. Abdelghani Boucham

Head of Climate Change,
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Mr. Abdelghani Boucham is Head of Climate Change Department in Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, and also UNFCCC Expert reviewer, NC and BR, Member of Paris Committee of Capacity Building since 2018.



Ms. Malin Meyer

Advisor, Royal Norwegian Ministry of
Climate and Environment (NMCE)

Ms. Malin Meyer is an Advisor of Royal Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment (NMCE). The Ministry, on behalf of the Norwegian government, has had a strong focus on carbon finance under CDM with emphasis on financing vulnerable projects. These efforts on carbon finance continues under the Paris Agreement, where Norway is taking a leading role in developing carbon credit programmes that seek to raise global ambitions on emission reductions and have a transformative effect in the respective host country.



Mr. Mischa Classen

Director of Carbon procurement,
Klik Swiss Foundation

Mr. Mischa Classen is a Carbon Professional with over 10 years of experience with carbon accounting methodologies in various schemes (CDM, ETS, Swiss domestic offsets, ITMO) and various aspects of their governance. He was assessing regulatory risks for activities and advised various governments and organizations on options improving regulatory processes.

At the KliK Foundation he is building up the portfolio of international activities, from which the foundation will procure ITMOs to fulfill its obligation under the Swiss CO₂-law. The foundation expects to be required surrendering at least 25 Mt CO₂e in ITMOs for the period 2021-2030.

Hope to achieve at #GGGW2021

Common understanding of the importance of countries' institutional capacity for political decision making that drives the climate change agenda.

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Mr. Andrei Marcu

Founder & Executive Director, The European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST)

Over his career focusing on sustainable development, climate change and energy **Mr. Marcu** has acted as negotiator for developing countries, coordinator for G-77 and China, and as representative of the international business community. He pioneered cooperation between the UN system and multinational corporations when serving as Manager of Private Sector Cooperation in the United Nations Development Programme. He has performed at the highest managerial level, including: Sr. VP and Head of Regulatory and Policy Affairs at Mercuria Energy Group; CEO of Bluenext; Managing Director for Climate & Energy at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and as Vice Chair of the Energy and Environment Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris; Senior Associate to the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Senior Advisor on Climate Change and Emissions Trading at Bennett Jones LLP in Canada; Founder, President and CEO of the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA).

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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.

