

Panel speakers for EGM on SDGs
Thursday 21 March, 3-6pm

David Griggs

David Griggs is the Director of the Monash Sustainability Institute (MSI), which aims to deliver solutions to key sustainability challenges. In November 2008 he also became CEO of the newly created organisation ClimateWorks Australia (CWA), focussed on action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Previous positions he has held include UK Met Office Deputy Chief Scientist, Director of the Hadley Centre for Climate Change, and Head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scientific assessment unit. Dave is a past vice-chair of the World Climate Research Programme and member of the Victorian Ministerial Reference Council on Climate Change Adaptation. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE), a member of the Australian Council of Environmental Deans and Directors and the Climate Institute Strategic Council. Dave was awarded the Vilho Vaisala award (World Meteorological Organization) in 1992.

Norichika Kanie

Norichika Kanie is an associate professor at the Graduate School of Decision Science and Technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS). His research focuses on international environmental governance, and is leading a three year strategic project on Sustainable Development Goals (FY2013-FY2015) funded by the Ministry of Environment, Japan. Among others he serves as a scientific steering committee member of the Earth Systems Governance project of IHDP, and a co-chair of the Working Party on Climate, Investment and Development (WPCID) at OECD. From August 2009 to July 2010 he was a Marie Curie Incoming International Fellow of the European Commission and visiting professor at SciencesPo, Paris. His recent publications include: "A Charter Moment: Restructuring Governance for Sustainability" *Public and Administration and Development*, 32, 292-304 (2012, lead author); "Navigating the Anthropocene: Improving Earth System Governance" *Science*, Vol. 335 No. 6074, 1306-1307, 16 March 2012 (Co-author). He received his Ph.D. in Media and Governance from the Keio University.

Charles Perrings

Charles Perrings is a Professor of Environmental Economics at Arizona State University, where he directs the Ecoservices Group—a research (and research training) group that focuses on ecosystem services. Previous appointments include professorships at the University of York and the University of California, Riverside. He was for several years vice-chair of the international biodiversity science research program, DIVERSITAS, and more recently represented the International Council of Science in negotiations with national governments to establish the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). He was also a member of the US Presidents Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) working group on biodiversity and ecosystem services. He was the founding editor of the Cambridge University Press journal, *Environment and Development Economics*, and is Past President

of the International Society for Ecological Economics. He has published 12 books and edited volumes and around 150 scientific papers in this field.

Claudia Ringler

Claudia Ringler is Deputy Division Director of the Environment and Production Technology Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute. She co-leads the Institute's water research program and is also a theme leader of the Water, Lands and Ecosystem research program. Her research interests are water resources management--in particular, river basin management--and agricultural and natural resource policies for developing countries. Over the last several years she has also undertaken research on the impacts of global warming for developing country agriculture and on appropriate adaptation and mitigation options. She has more than 80 publications in the areas of water management, global food and water security, natural resource constraints to global food production, and the synergies of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Youba Sokona

Youba Sokona is the Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) based in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. The ACPC is a joint initiative of the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. He is also a co-chair of IPCC Working Group III. Sokona was the Executive Secretary of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) from June 2004 to May 2010. A citizen of Mali, Sokona focuses on the energy, environment and sustainable development nexus and he has broad experience in Africa in policy development. Before joining OSS, he works for the "Environnement et Développement du Tiers Monde," based in Dakar, Senegal. Prior to that, he served as professor at Ecole Nationale d'Ingenieur of Bamako in Mali. Throughout his career, Sokona has served in various advisory capacities to African governments. He has published several books and articles on the issues of energy, environment and development with a focus on Africa.