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Sustainable Consumption and Production

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Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*

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Biographies

Session 1: SDG12 stock-taking and HLPF 2018 preparations



Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee




Shantanu presently heads the policy and analysis branch in the Sustainable Development Division within the UN's Department for Economic and Social Affairs. He is a micro-economist with interests in poverty, health and sustainability. A particular area of focus in his current work is enhancing the impact of science, technology and innovation in advancing sustainable development. Prior to this, he led the research and writing unit of UNDP's Human Development Report through two report cycles, preceded by a stint as head of UNDP's global MDG policy work. In that position, he worked with national planning, finance and sector ministries in many countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Some of his most interesting experiences during this period were in Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Ghana, Togo and Yemen. Shantanu began his career with the Indian Government in various areas of development policy planning and implementation; and finance. He earned a PhD in Economics from Princeton University in 2006, and also holds advanced degrees in Public Policy and Physics.



Ms. Cecilia Lopez y Royo

Cecilia coordinates the secretariat of the One Planet multi-stakeholder partnership for SDG 12, which has formed to implement the 10year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production. Cecilia joined the United Nations in 2009; she worked on programme management and partnerships with the UN office for project services based in South Africa and Kenya, before joining UN Environment in Paris in 2016. Prior to the United Nations, Cecilia worked for the Italian Environmental Protection agency on coastal water quality and monitoring. A biologist with a PhD in marine ecology, Cecilia has a unique 15 year background on environmental research, project management, coordination and partnerships.

Session 2: SCP, Agenda 2030 and climate action

	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. David O'Connor</p> <p>David O'Connor is a Sustainable Economist at the World Resources Institute as well as the Permanent Observer of IUCN to the United Nations. Previously, he was the Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch of the UN Division for Sustainable Development, where his team supported the negotiations of the Rio+20 outcome, the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Before joining the UN in 2003, he worked for one and a half decades as an economist at the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. He has recently co-authored a book with Ambassador Macharia Kamau of Kenya and Pamela Chasek entitled, <i>Transforming Multilateral Diplomacy: The Inside Story of the Sustainable Development Goals</i>, available in the UN Bookstore.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Hannah Janetschek</p> <p>Dr. Hannah Janetschek is a researcher at the German Development Institute (DIE), co-leading the SDG-project at DIE and jointly with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) developed the NDC-SDG Connections tool. Her research interest is on sustainable land, water and SCP resource governance in general and she is currently working on advancing Water-Energy-Food Nexus (WEF Nexus) governance questions to identify pathways towards an integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda under conditions of climate change.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Adis Dzebo</p> <p>Adis Dzebo works at SEI Stockholm as a Research Fellow with a research focus on climate change adaptation and international development, centered around the UN climate change regime. He is a co-leader of the SEI Initiative on Global Finance. Adis recent work has focused on policy coherence and connectivity between climate change and sustainable development, most notably through the NDC-SDG Connections tool. Adis also works with transition pathways towards sustainable development with regards to both adaptation and mitigation and particularly in terms of high-end scenarios. Before joining SEI, Adis worked as a political advisor on climate and energy to the Green Party in Stockholm. He was also a research assistant at Lund University where he studied transnational governance of climate change adaptation. Besides his work at SEI, Adis is also a PhD candidate at Utrecht University Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development where his research is focusing on the transnational adaptation governance.</p>



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Ms. Mathilde Bouyé

Mathilde Bouyé is an Associate in the Climate Program of the World Resources Institute. She develops research projects and in-country support on a joined-up implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to global climate action. Prior to joining WRI, Mathilde served as diplomatic advisor to French Environment Minister, Mrs Segolène Royal. She had been involved in the SDG negotiations since 2012 as advisor to Jean-Michel Severino in the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on the post-2015 agenda, coordinator of the French Task Force on the Post-2015 agenda and delegate in the Open Working Group.

Earlier, Mathilde was Development and Trade Officer at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and worked at the European Commission. She also had different experience working in think tanks, as EU program coordinator for Terra Nova, trade and development analyst at ECDPM and policy advisor at Hubert Védrine Conseil.

Mathilde holds a Master in EU International Relations and Diplomacy from the College of Europe, a Master in European and International Law from the Paris II Panthéon-Assas University and a Master in International Relations, with a specialization in development studies, from the Sorbonne University.



Mr. Wilberforce Kisamba-Mugerwa

Wilberforce Kisamba-Mugerwa is the Executive Chairperson of the National Planning Authority in Uganda since 2008. He is also a Spring Semester Visiting Professor for International Studies in Rural Development at Williams College, Massachusetts USA and a Research Fellow with Makerere Institute of Social Research in Uganda. He is Chancellor of Ndejje University.

He holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Makerere University.

Before joining the National Planning Authority he worked at the International Food Policy Research Institute as a Division Director in Addis Ababa. Earlier he had served as an elected Member of Parliament 1980-2004 and held various Cabinet Ministerial positions for 15 years in the Government of Uganda. He has made several publications mainly on issues related to social economic development.



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Ms. Edda Fernández Luiselli

Ms. Fernandez Luiselli is currently serving as Director General for the Primary Sector and Renewable Natural Resources in the Undersecretary for Environmental Regulation and Promotion of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) of the Mexican Federal Government. She also serves as National Focal Point for the Nagoya Protocol of the Convention on Biological Diversity and as Co-Chair of the Board for the UN Environment 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Production and Consumption.

Her work as Director General is focused on designing regulatory and promotion instruments that foster the implementation of public policies on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, including genetic resources and biosafety, as well as efficient use of natural resources.

Looking for clear commitments from all sectors for redirecting national development towards green growth and sustainability, beyond mere proposal and discussion, Ms. Fernandez and her team work in the consolidation of a coherent and effective regulatory framework that promotes the sustainable use of natural resources and environmental protection, facilitate compliance with environmental obligations, promote the best environmental performance practices and, therefore, give legal certainty to the regulated sectors.

Ms. Fernandez is a Biologist from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). For 17 years she has been working in the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) as senior advisor and chief of staff in the last three Federal Administrations.



Ms. Annika Lindblom

Ms. Lindblom works in the Ministry of the Environment of Finland as Counsellor for International Affairs. She acts also as a Secretary General of the Prime Minister led National Commission on Sustainable Development. She leads the coordination of the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda in cooperation with the Prime Minister's Office and takes operational responsibility in the work of the multi-stakeholder National Commission. She also works with the UN processes regarding Sustainable Consumption and Production and Inclusive Green Economy. She has acted as a Member of the 10YFP Board and more recently as a chair of the 10YFP Task Force for the new strategy 'One Plan for One Planet'. Ms. Lindblom belonged to Finland's negotiation team during the Rio+20, Open-Ended Working Group on SDGs and Post-2015 processes, leading to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. She is political scientist by education.



Ms. Alexandra Hiniker

Alexandra Hiniker is Strategic Relationships Manager at the Mayor's Office for International Affairs, where she is responsible for highlighting the connections between global and local sustainability through the Global Vision | Urban Action portfolio. Before joining the Mayor's Office, Alexandra was the PAX Representative to the United Nations, focusing on the protection of civilians in Syria, Iraq, and South Sudan. Previously, she worked on humanitarian disarmament in some of the world's most bombed and mined countries, first with the United Nations in Cambodia, and then with the Cluster Munition Coalition in Laos, followed by Lebanon. She began her international development career implementing pandemic preparedness projects in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe. Prior to that, she served as a Princeton Project 55 Fellow with the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago. Alexandra earned a B.A. from the University of Chicago and an M.A. from Uniwersytet Jagiellonski in Krakow, Poland, and also studied at Sciences Po-Paris. She is currently pursuing an M.S. in Urban Policy and Leadership at Hunter College.

Session 3: SCP and sustainable transport




Dr. Ulf Jaeckel

Dr. Ulf Jaeckel is a member of the Board representing Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMU). He holds a PhD in environmental economics. He is currently the Head of Division responsible for sustainable consumption, product policy, public procurement, labelling, ecodesign, standardisation, life cycle analysis, product carbon footprint and has been working for BMUB since 1994. Dr. Ulf is also the Vice Chair of the advisory board of the United Nations 10 Year Framework of Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production; Vice Chair of the Commission on sustainable Development, 18th session (2009/10); Vice Chair of the National Standardization body on environmental Management eco-labelling, life cycle analysis, GHG management.




Dr. Nancy Vandycke

Dr. Nancy Vandycke leads the World Bank's group of transport economists and spearheads the new global initiative on transport--Sustainable Mobility for All. She oversees strategic and analytical engagement on transport, including the climate action effort (with the United Nations), the Impact Evaluation program (with the World Bank's Research Department), The Global Tracking Framework and the Knowledge Note series (Connections). Nancy is a member of the Multilateral Development Banks' Group on Sustainable Transport, and of the Technical Working Group supporting the UN Secretary General's Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport. Before joining the World Bank, she served as economic advisor of the Belgian Chair at the International Monetary Fund. She spent several years as Research Associate at the Russian-European Center for Economic Policy in Russia and Center for Economic Performance in the UK. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the London School of Economics.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Henry Gourdji</p> <p>Henry joined the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 1999. ICAO is a United Nations specialized agency mandated to establish and maintain the international standards for safe, efficient and economical international air transport.</p> <p>Since joining ICAO, Henry has been with the Air Navigation Bureau and has principally managed one of ICAO's leading programs, the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP). In 2014 he was appointed as one of the Bureau's Deputy Directors; responsible for the management of all monitoring and oversight activities within ICAO Member States, and reporting on their capability of meeting their international obligations to ensure effective safety oversight of the States' civil aviation industry.</p> <p>He was recently appointed as Head of Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships within the Office of the Secretary General primarily to coordinate high-level and cross-cutting policies and programmes among the different Bureaux and Offices at Headquarters as well as Regional Offices of the Organization. His Office is also responsible for facilitating the development of partnerships, as well as to leverage such strategic partnerships in air transport systems' enhancements in Member States and the mobilization of resources needed to implement necessary improvements.</p> <p>In 2011 he was the recipient of the Flight Safety Foundation President's Citation award for his contribution to world aviation safety. Prior to joining ICAO, he held various management positions with Transport Canada and was the Chief Executive Officer of an aviation firm in Montreal.</p> <p>Henry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics and advanced studies in military defense. He holds a Canadian aircraft maintenance and engineering licence for airframe and power plant maintenance and is an active pilot with a multi-engine rating. He retired from 31 years of military reserve service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.</p>
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Session 4: SCP and ocean action

	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Kristian Teleki</p> <p>Kristian Teleki is the Director of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative for the World Resources Institute and the Head of the Friends of Ocean Action for the World Economic Forum. Most recently Mr Teleki was the senior marine adviser to the Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit and the director of engagement for Ocean Unite. Prior to this he held the post of the director of global engagement for the Global Ocean Commission, and the vice-president of SeaWeb, where he was responsible for its sustainable-markets, science and Asia-Pacific programmes. He has also been the director of the International Coral Reef Action Network and led the marine programme at the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre. Mr Teleki is on the boards of several environmental, development and social initiatives, and the editorial board of Aquatic Conservation. He has degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Cambridge University.</p>
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Mr. Gerald Singh

Gerald Singh is a Senior Research Fellow with the Nereus Program at the University of British Columbia. He leads the research at Nereus on oceans and sustainable development. Gerald's has focussed on developing assessment frameworks to evaluate the possibilities for co-benefits and trade-offs between Sustainable Development Goals, emphasizing the links between SDG 14: Life Below Water and other SDGs. Gerald has developed this work at international levels and has led SDG workshops using his assessment tools in Aruba. He has also helped develop evaluation frameworks for Aichi Targets when data is not standardized or incomplete. His background is on coastal and marine resource management for ecosystem services, cumulative impacts assessment, and marine community ecology.



Ms. Marin Hawk

An ocean lover from a young age, Marin pursued an undergraduate degree in biology and a Master's degree in environmental science. She attended Washington University in St. Louis and College of Charleston, respectively. She then worked as a Fishery Management Plan Coordinator at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in Arlington, Virginia. It was during this time that she knew she wanted to work in seafood and conserve and protect that resource for future generations. Now, Marin works as the Fishery Outreach Manager for the US East Coast and Gulf of Mexico at the Marine Stewardship Council. Her primary role is to conduct outreach to fisheries, harvesters and the fishing industry and help guide any who are interested in achieving Marine Stewardship Council certification.



Session 5: SCP and plastic pollution in the ocean



Ms. Sian Sutherland

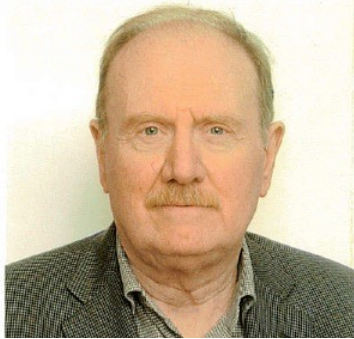
Sian is a serial entrepreneur founding and running varied businesses from restaurants to film production, design agency to skincare brands before launching A Plastic Planet with her co-founder Frederikke Magnussen. Their first campaign to 'turn off the plastic tap' launched 12 months ago urged supermarkets to give their customers the choice to buy food and drink in a Plastic Free Aisle. Over the last year, APP have met with industry, legislators, materials manufacturers and educators in their drive to reduce society's addiction to single use plastic. In January Theresa May backed the campaign as part of the Government 25 year environmental plan and in February APP launched their first Plastic Free Aisle in Amsterdam to worldwide media attention.

Session 6: SCP and food loss and waste


	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Teréz Krisztina Szabó</p> <p>Teréz Krisztina Szabó is the Deputy Head of the Environmental Development and Strategy Department of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture. She is responsible for environmental policy planning and reporting on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework Strategy 2012-2024. She is coordinating the third OECD Environmental Performance Review of Hungary. Within the Ministry of Agriculture she coordinated the planning process of the Environment and Energy Operational Program for 2014-2020.</p> <p>Since 2011 she has been participating in the work of the European Network for Environmental and Managing Authorities (ENEA MA). Since 2015 she is member of the OECD Environmental Policy Committee and also participating in the work of the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance. She is also responsible for coordinating the LIFE Capacity Building Project of the Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p>She has an MSc in Biology and Geography (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 1995) and a master of environmental management degree from the University of Amsterdam (1998).</p> <p>She started her professional career in the Strategic Department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development in 1995. Between 1999-2002 she was the Head of the Strategic Unit in the Energy Centre, dealing with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Between 2002-2005 she worked for the Delegation of the European Commission to Hungary as a project manager being responsible for the ex-ante control and co-ordination of all environmental, energy and nuclear safety related Phare projects.</p> <p>Since 2005 she has been employed in the Ministry of Environment (<i>now it is the Ministry of Agriculture</i>) in various positions.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Harry de Gorter</p> <p>Harry de Gorter is professor in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University. His research focus is on agriculture and trade policy with recent work on biofuels, food waste and agricultural trade reform and the Doha Development Agenda, especially the impact of subsidies and protection on developing countries. He has long been actively involved in advising many governments and organizations on issues related to agriculture trade policy including the EU, FAO, G-20, IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, World Bank and WTO. He recently published a book on the price impacts of biofuels on food commodity prices.</p>



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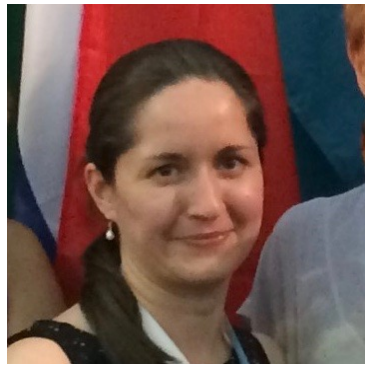
	Mr. William (Bill) Edwardson, PhD
	<p>Bill's earlier career was with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), where he focused on supporting and building applied research and development projects across the developing world. These projects brought researchers in contact with farmers groups to solve problems in their food systems to improve their incomes, principally in post-harvest research, food processing, agro-industry development and later linking farmers to markets in value chains. During his 19 years with IDRC, Bill spent 6 years working in the Latin American region from the IDRC Regional Office in Colombia.</p> <p>Bill later worked as a consultant for several years with long term assignments on rural agro-enterprise development in Ecuador and Sudan as well as project formulation, review and evaluation and several writing assignments with a number of agencies (IADB, IFAD, FAO and NGOs such as Care Canada). Bill is currently holding a senior position with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and recently took leave to work with FAO on a review of food loss assessment projects and the organization of international meetings related to food loss and waste.</p>

Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

	Ms. Birgitte Bryld
	<p>Ms. Bryld serves as Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, at the United Nations Secretariat, in New York.</p> <p>Her focus of work is the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development anchored in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as promoting sustainable consumption and production and cities. Ms. Bryld supported the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (2017), with responsibility for coordinating organizational matters. She continues to serve as the Divisional focal point for the Blue Economy.</p> <p>Prior, Ms. Bryld served as Senior Adviser and Team Coordinator for sustainable development and climate change in the Office of the President of the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The Presidency oversaw the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the selection process of the current Secretary-General of the United Nations, among other milestones.</p> <p>During her career, Ms. Bryld has held a number of special assignments, including serving as principal officer for the development agenda as well as institutional reform of the UN gender architecture, in the office of the Deputy Secretary-General within the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.</p> <p>Ms. Bryld holds a Cand. Polit. degree from the University of Copenhagen, and is a national of Denmark.</p>



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Ms. Julie Powell

Ms. Julie Powell is the focal point for transport in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). She supported the Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport and is now representing DESA in the Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative and the Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development initiative. She was, among others, actively involved in the Rio+20 Conference, the 2030 Agenda negotiations and the First Global Conference on Sustainable Transport held by the Secretary-General in Turkmenistan in November 2016.



Mr. Yoshinobu Takei

Yoshinobu Takei is currently serving as Sustainable Development Officer at the Oceans and Climate Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. As part of his role as the focal point for the ocean at the Division, he undertakes, inter alia, activities relating to the follow-up to the UN Ocean Conference held in June 2017, in particular in connection with the Community of Ocean Action on sustainable blue economy. Prior to his current position, he worked as Legal Officer at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs. Before joining the United Nations secretariat, he was engaged in teaching and research in the law of the sea and ocean policy at the World Maritime University, the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, the University of Kiel, the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan. He studied law at Keio University (Japan) and Utrecht University (The Netherlands).



Ms. Eléonore Bacquet

Eléonore Bacquet is an intern in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. She recently completed a Masters in Environmental Law from Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She also holds a joint law degree from the University of Potsdam in Germany and the Paris-Nanterre University in France. She is interested in pursuing a career as a project manager in the environmental field.