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Takao Aiba

Project General Manager, External Affairs, Toyota Motor Co.

Mr. Aiba is currently a chairperson of the Planning Subcommittee of Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation, and a Project General Manager of Environmental Affairs and Engineering Management Div., at Toyota Motor Corporation in which he leads efforts of global Toyota in the area of Climate Change and Biodiversity.

He is also a vice chairperson of the Working Group on Global Warming Countermeasures for Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) , a vice chairperson of Environmental Policy Subcommittee and a chairperson of International Climate Change Policy Expert Group at the Japan Automotive Manufacturing Association.

Mr. Aiba was seconded to Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, where he contributed to formulation of the fifth Science and Technology Basic Plan, which proposed a concept of “Society 5.0”. He was also one of leading members of Sustainable Mobility Project 2.0 of WBCSD and served as a Coordinating Executive of Toyota Motor Europe located at Brussels, where he took a leading role of Toyota’s environmental management activities in European region.

Prior to joining Toyota, Mr. Aiba was with the Development Bank of Japan since 1991 where he last served as Head of Sustainable Development.



Magali Anderson

Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer HolCim

Magali Anderson is responsible for putting sustainability at the core of Holcim's innovation pipeline but also of the company strategy and decision making. Magali joined Holcim in 2016 as Group Head of Health & Safety before being appointed to the Group Executive Committee and Chief Sustainability Officer in October 2019, a role which was expanded to her current position in 2021.

Magali has over three decades of experience in the energy sector, primarily with Schlumberger. She started her career as a field engineer on offshore oil rigs in Nigeria and worked on 4 continents in both operational and functional roles.

Magali graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from INSA Lyon, France.



Stefania Avanzini

Head OP2B

Stefania is impact-driven and passionate about collective transformations.

Stefania leads One Planet Business for Biodiversity (OP2B), an international cross-sectorial, action-oriented business coalition on biodiversity with a specific focus on agriculture.

As Director of OP2B, she is working to catalyze action to protect and restore cultivated and natural biodiversity within the value chains, to reverse nature loss by 2030.

Prior to her work at OP2B, Stefania worked for Danone's investment fund for social business, and for Ashoka – the world's largest network of social entrepreneurs. Stefania believes in the power of business to transform agricultural systems in a way that is beneficial for people, climate, and nature.



Pietro Beatazzi

Global Director Policy Engagement and External Affairs, CDP

Pietro leads CDP's Policy Engagement program. Prior to CDP, Pietro worked at GRI, ensuring engagement with policy makers, capital markets regulators and international organizations on corporate sustainability and transparency. He engaged in national policy processes worldwide, as well as in major regional and global inter-governmental processes such as Rio+20, the adoption of the EU directive on Disclosure of Non-Financial Information, the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Before joining GRI, Pietro worked in the Sustainability team of a large Italian multinational company, and with Amnesty International. Pietro graduated from LUISS University in Rome with a degree in International Law and has an MA in Management and Governance of Non-Profit Organizations and an MA in Management and Economy of the Environment and Energy



Julie Boucher

Vice President -Sustainability, Community Relations and Communications, Hydro Quebec

After two years as Vice President – Customer Experience, Communications and Community Relations, Julie Boucher was appointed Vice President – Sustainability, Community Relations and Communications in 2022 as part of a major restructuring initiative at Hydro-Québec. In this capacity, she will oversee sustainable development and environmental matters, such as the climate change adaptation plan. Her group is also tasked with ensuring open and constructive communications with the general public and all Hydro-Québec stakeholders, including governments, and maintaining privileged relations with local and Indigenous communities. Ms. Boucher joined Hydro-Québec in 2007 as a media spokesperson in the Saguenay– Lac-Saint-Jean region and became a manager in 2009. After various positions of increasing responsibility in community relations, government and public affairs and communications, she was appointed Vice President – Communications, Government Affairs and Indigenous Relations in March 2020. Earlier in her career, she worked as a journalist for TQS and Radio-Canada television for seven years. Ms. Boucher holds a bachelor’s degree in geography with a minor in political science from the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC). She sits on the board of the Montréal Council on Foreign Relations (CORIM), as well as on the advisory board of the energy sector management chair at HEC Montréal.



Tim Christophersen

Vice President, Climate Action, Salesforce

Tim Christophersen joined Salesforce as VP, Climate Action in May 2022. Within the global Sustainability Team, he is focused on the role of nature-based solutions to climate change. Tim is based in Denmark.

Before joining Salesforce, Tim was Head of the 'Nature for Climate' Branch at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and led a growing global movement backed by all UN Member States and over 120 partner organizations to 'prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide': the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030](#). He holds a degree in Forestry and Forest Conservation Engineering from Dresden University of Technology. He previously worked for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), where he led the portfolio on the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity. From 2017-2019, he was elected Chair of the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration.

From 2002-2007 he was Regional Programme Coordinator for Europe, the Caucasus and the Commonwealth of Independent States at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). He also worked for the Danish Ministry of the Environment, and for the European Commission.



Dax Dasilva

Founder, Age of Union Alliance.

Founder and Executive Chair, Lightspeed Commerce Inc.

Dax Dasilva is global tech leader and environmental activist who is well known as the creative mind behind Lightspeed Commerce Inc. and Age of Union. Dasilva founded Lightspeed in 2005 as a payments software which has evolved today into a one-stop commerce platform for retail, hospitality, and golf merchants in over 100 countries. Dual-listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: LSPD) and Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: LSPD), Lightspeed helps merchants innovate to simplify, scale and provide exceptional customer experiences. Dax served as CEO for 17 years before the February 2022 announcement that he would now serve as Executive Chair of Lightspeed's board of directors.

In 2019, Dasilva released his debut book, *Age of Union*, as a compelling guide for igniting today's changemaker. This would later inspire Dasilva's non-profit environmental alliance Age of Union that supports and makes visible a global community of changemakers working on the ground to protect the planet's threatened species and ecosystems. This alliance launched in October 2021 with Dasilva's initial pledge of \$40 million towards conservation efforts that help solve critical environmental challenges around the world and inspire high-impact change by showing the positive impact that every individual can make. Since then, Age of Union has announced 10 global projects including the conservation of critically endangered biodiverse forests in Canada, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Peru, and the protection of important species such as leatherback turtles, orangutans, dolphins, lowland gorillas, and much more.



Jun Deng

President and CEO, Bank of China (Canada)

Mr. Deng Jun, the current President & CEO of Bank of China (Canada) and Principal Officer of Bank of China Toronto Branch, holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Wuhan University. He has worked for the Bank of China Group since he graduated from university in 1990. After holding various positions in the Bank, he was appointed as General Manager of the Bank of China Wuhan ETD Branch in 2001. In 2006, he was appointed as Deputy Managing Director for Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen Auto Finance Company Ltd., a joint venture between Bank of China Group Insurance Company Limited, Dongfeng Peugeot-Citroen Automobile Company Ltd. and Banque PSA Finance.

In 2009, he was appointed as Assistant General Manager in the Bank of China Limited Head Office Corporate Banking Group. In 2012, he was appointed as Country Head of Bank of China Limited - Manila Branch. In October of 2022, he was appointed as President & CEO of Bank of China (Canada) and Principal Officer of Bank of China Toronto Branch.



Andrew Deutz

Director of Global Policy, Institutions and Conservation Finance, TNC

Dr. Andrew Deutz is the Director of Global Policy, Institutions and Conservation Finance at The Nature Conservancy. He is an expert in international environmental law, policy and diplomacy. He directs the TNC's global policy work spanning the areas of biodiversity, sustainable development and conservation finance, as well as overseeing relationships with international organizations, multilateral development banks and foreign aid agencies.

Prior to joining TNC, he served in several leadership roles with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and has also served as the acting Lead Forest Negotiator for the US State Department and as Forest Policy Advisor to the World Bank. He holds a doctorate in International Environmental Law from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



Jane Ewing

Senior Vice President, Sustainability, Walmart

With deep roots in business operations, development and talent management, Jane excels at embedding and operationalizing sustainability across the enterprise. Before joining Walmart, Jane held various general management roles in several countries across Europe, the Middle East, and Global Travel at Diageo PLC. She joined Walmart in 2012 as a Senior Vice President for the International division and has since served in multiple leadership roles, including in Walmart U.S. Merchandising, Business Development, store reinvention and digital acceleration, and more recently as Chief People Officer for Walmart International. Her personal motto: let's go faster than we think is possible.



Martina Fleckenstein

Global Policy Director, WWF International

Martina Fleckenstein is the Global Policy Director of the Food Practice for WWF International. Martina has over 25 years of experience in national and international environment and development policies, based on a board knowledge on implementation of agriculture and sustainable food production projects in different geographies. She was involved in the preparation of the UN Food Systems Summit, supporting Action Track 3 “Boosting nature positive production at scale” and has broad knowledge on international policy agendas and processes.



Jean-Martin Fortier

Founder, Market Gardener Institute

Jean-Martin (JM) Fortier is a farmer, educator, entrepreneur, and best-selling author specializing in organic and biointensive vegetable production. His award-winning book, *The Market Gardener*, now published in 10 languages, has inspired hundreds of thousands of readers worldwide to reimagine ecological human-scale food systems.

His teachings have been adapted to the Market Gardener Masterclass, a comprehensive online program that supports over 3400+ growers in over 90 countries. His message is one of empowerment with the intention to educate, encourage, and inspire people to pursue a career and lifestyle focused on growing food with care, by and for people who care.

In 2020, JM founded Growers & Co. a farm tool and apparel company that also features the biannual magazine that focuses on celebrating the movement of small-scale organic farming. He is based in Quebec, Canada, where he manages Ferme des Quatre-Temps, a research and training farm that intends to serve as a model for the future of agriculture.



Amy Fraenkel

Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Ms. Fraenkel has over 30 years of experience in international environmental law and policy. She joined CMS after working for six years with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada. Part of the senior management, she led the Division on Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach. She also served for six years as the Director of the UNEP Regional Office for North America in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Fraenkel was Senior Counsel of the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, working on legislation related to climate change, fisheries, endangered species, ocean and coastal ecosystems, and maritime issues.

Ms. Fraenkel also worked as a senior policy advisor in the Office of International Affairs within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and in private law practice for seven years.

Ms. Fraenkel holds a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School and is a graduate of Grinnell College.



Adrien Geiger

*L'OCCITANE Group Sustainability Officer and
L'OCCITANE en Provence Managing Director*

As Group Sustainability Officer and Managing Director of the L'OCCITANE en Provence brand, Adrien Geiger is a daily advocate for the power of nature.

Based on L'OCCITANE Group's mission to have a positive impact on people through empowerment and to regenerate nature, Adrien supports the Group's brands around the world in their commitment to regenerate biodiversity, add value to the communities with which they operate and promote a culture of mutual respect and support along the way.

He is also an active member of the One Planet Business for Biodiversity (OP2B) coalition.



Mark Gough
CEO, Capital Coalition

Mark Gough is the CEO of the Capitals Coalition, a global collaboration of business, governments and civil society that is transforming the way decisions are made by including the value provided by nature and people.

Previously, Mark led the Natural Capital Coalition and was on the board of the Social and Human Capital Coalition. He championed and delivered the uniting of these two communities, creating a unified, systemic, collaborative approach.

Mark has worked extensively in the private sector, leading programs and strategy for The Crown Estate and Reed Elsevier (now RELX), as well as advising many more.

Among other board and advisory positions, Mark is at present on the Steering Committee for the Global Commons Alliance.



Jennie Granstrom

Biodiversity Lead H&M Group

Jennie Granström is the Biodiversity Lead of the H&M Group. Working in Stockholm at the head office, Jennie leads the work connected to H&M Group's biodiversity ambition. Jennie has been working at H&M Group for over 13 years and also has additional retail industry experience from 5 years at IKEA. In her current role Jennie work on integrating biodiversity into the whole H&M Group organization, including analyzing the impact on nature, goal setting and driving impact projects. Jennie is also active in the partnerships and collaboration H&M Group have in connection to biodiversity.



Prof. Don Hawkins

UQAM/CED and Special Envoy, Sustainable Tourism Global Center

Professor Don Hawkins serves as an Envoy of the Sustainable Tourism Global Center of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Tourism. At the George Washington University, he is Professor Emeritus of Management and Tourism Studies in the School of Business and Professor Emeritus of International Affairs in the Elliott School of International Affairs. He served as the Founder and Director of the International Institute of Tourism Studies (IITS) in 1988 as a research and education center established in collaboration with the UNWTO. In 1994, he was appointed as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professor of Tourism Policy (an endowed chair).

In 2003, he received the first World Tourism Organization Ulysses Prize for individual accomplishments in the creation and dissemination of knowledge in tourism policy and strategic management. He is a member of the UNWTO Board of Affiliate Members and served as First Vice President in the previous term. He is Chairman Emeritus of Sustainable Travel International and Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance.

He currently serves as Chairman of Solimar International. Over his career he has authored, co-authored, or edited twenty-two refereed journal articles, 15 books and 23 book chapters



Denise Hills

Sustainability Director Natura &Co LatAm

Denise Hills is responsible for ensuring that Natura’s sustainability practices and commitments generate relevance, differentiation, and positive impact, in addition to transforming socioenvironmental challenges into opportunities for innovation. Denise has 30 years of experience in the financial market. Sustainability assumed a central role in her career in 2010 when she became superintendent of the area at Itaú.

A graduate in Business Administration, with post-graduate studies in Economics from Fipe –University of São Paulo, in Integrated Sustainability Management from the Fundação Dom Cabral, as well as having taken the Cambridge University Sustainability Leadership Programme, among others, she is also co-author of the book *4 Dimensões de Uma Vida em Equilíbrio (4 Dimensions of a Balanced Life)*, published in 2015.

Denise was the first woman to preside the UN Global Compact Network Brazil and currently represents Natura as a board member of the Brazil Network. She is also one of the specialists in SDG Impact, an international group presided by the UNDP administrator Achim Steiner, comprising ten global champions and thought leaders in Finance and Companies. Married for 25 years, Denise has two children and likes to travel and to cook for her family and friends.



Diane Holdorf

Executive Vice President (EVP) of World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

Diane joined WBCSD in December 2018 as Managing Director of Food and Nature where she led business efforts to accelerate the system transformation in the areas of food, nature and water. In October 2021, Diane took the role of EVP for Pathways.

In her role as EVP, Diane focuses on the Pathways as part of WBCSD's strategy, leading business efforts to accelerate collaborative solutions in Food and Agriculture, Energy, Products & Materials, Mobility and Built Environment, and Health and Wellbeing – working in partnership to deliver business solutions for the Imperatives and Redefining Value Program pillars.

Before joining WBCSD, Diane was Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer at Kellogg. Prior to joining Kellogg, Diane served as Vice President for Delta Consultants (now Antea), a global environment, health and safety and sustainability consulting firm. During her 17 years with Delta Consultants, she served in numerous management and consulting roles, based in the US and in the UK, where she worked with many consumer- packaged goods, forest products and manufacturing companies in development and implementation of global programs for sustainability, environmental management and risk management.

In 2022 Diane was selected as one of the 25 Badass Women shaping climate action by GreenBiz. In 2015, Diane was recognized as a Maize and Wheat Super Woman by CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center) as part of the United Nation's International Women's Day. She is also recognized as an Oxfam Sisters on the Planet Ambassador.

Diane received a Bachelor's degrees in Public Communications and in German from Syracuse University. She also completed the Executive MBA Program at the University of St Thomas.

Diane is an active Twitter user and can be found tweeting at @DianeBHoldorf and on LinkedIn.



Andrew Howard

Global Head of Sustainable Investment, Schroders

Andrew Howard is Global Head of Sustainable Investment at Schroders, which includes the firm's sustainability thought leadership, ESG integration and stewardship. He joined Schroders in 2016 and is based in London.

Andrew was an Equity Analyst at Didas Research from 2013 to 2016, an independent investment research firm he founded. He was an Equity Analyst at Goldman Sachs from 2007 to 2013, where he headed the GS SUSTAIN research team in London identifying long term investment opportunities across global industries.

He also previously worked at McKinsey & Co as a consultant and Deutsche Bank as Head of European Mining Research. Andrew started his investment career in 1997 as an Analyst covering the Steel & Mining sectors at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

Andrew is a Senior Advisor to Critical Resource and on the Advisory Panel of the Future-Fit Business initiative. Qualifications: MBA in Business Administration and Management from INSEAD; BSc in Economics from London School of Economics



Emine Isciel,
Head of Climate and Environment, Storebrand

Isciel joined Storebrand Asset Management's sustainable investments team in 2018. She is leading Storebrand Asset Management's work on climate and environment and our company engagement. Prior to joining Storebrand, Isciel worked for the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment with multilateral environmental agreements advising the government on sustainability policies and strategies and leading the work on implementing the SDGs. She has also worked for the UN and provided technical advice and content to the SDGs. She holds an MA in Political Science from the University of Oslo in addition to studies from University of Cape Town, New York University and Harvard Extension School.



Matt Jones

Head of Nature Economy at UNEP-WCMC

Matt's role is to oversee UNEP-WCMC's work seeking transformative change in our economic system. He leads the Nature Economy impact area which includes targets and metrics for corporate performance, corporate partnerships, the role of trade and finance in conserving and restoring nature, promoting public and private uptake of natural capital approaches, and economy-wide transformation. His expertise is in natural capital impacts and dependencies of the private and financial sectors, corporate biodiversity assessment and impact management intervention, and biodiversity metrics. Matt has served as an expert in the development of the Global Reporting Initiative's standards, as an advisor to the Capitals Coalition, and as an author of the scope for the forthcoming IPBES Business and Biodiversity Methodological Assessment. He holds a Master of Philosophy and a Bachelors degree in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge. Prior to joining UNEP-WCMC, Matt worked in Tanzania on projects to align the goals of poverty alleviation and biodiversity conservation. He has also worked as a consultant to the Energy, Transport, Finance, Utilities and Construction sectors on environmental, social and governance issues. Building on nearly 20 years of experience, Matt's work is seeking a shift towards a socially just, zero-carbon and nature-positive future.



Katia Karousakis

Biodiversity Programme Lead, Environment Transitions and Resilience Division of the Environment Directorate at the OECD

Katia Karousakis leads the Biodiversity programme at the Environment Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The work focuses on the economics and policy of biodiversity, covering a range of areas such as effective design of policy instruments, biodiversity finance and mainstreaming. She has led numerous reports, including for the G7. Katia joined the OECD in 2006, initially working on climate change issues within the OECD/IEA Climate Change Expert Group for two years. Prior to this, she worked on climate change issues at the U.S. EPA. An environmental economist by training, Katia has a PhD from UCL, London, and a Masters' degree from Duke University, USA.



Akanksha Khatri

Head of Nature and Biodiversity, World Economic.

Akanksha Khatri is Head of Nature and Biodiversity at the World Economic. In this role she led the creation of the [New Nature Economy Report](#) series that set forth a pathway for businesses to play an active role in safeguarding nature. In addition to the NNER series, Akanksha also leads the WEF work on catalyzing a momentum (particularly business and non-state actors) on nature, including the work on Financing for Nature.

Prior to this, she worked as Chief of Staff and Head of Strategy for WEF Government Engagement. She also has experience working as Strategy Manager at HT Media Ltd. which is the second largest media company in India. She holds a BA (Hons.) from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India and M.A. in International Affairs from SIPA, Columbia University, USA. She was a Global Leadership Fellow with the World Economic Forum (2013-16).



Rachel Kolbe Semhoun,
Chief Sustainability Officer, InVivo.

Rachel is Director of Sustainable Development at InVivo, a group of French agricultural cooperatives, focused on continuously improving sustainable farming solutions and sustainable food systems. She is also Development Director for InVivo Foundation, an endowment fund specialized in improving farmers' livelihoods, structuring new ag-food chains, and taking care of natural resources. Both are vectors for Positive Agriculture, in which Agriculture is a key component to resolving worldwide challenges, and with which farming models carry a positive Triple Bottom Line. One example is the project Ile Dotun in Ogun State, Nigeria, in which agroforestry is leveraged for land degradation neutrality and its capacity to sustainably reforest degraded soils. American in Paris for 20 years, Rachel has degrees in political science and international relations from Columbia University (NY) and Sciences-Po Paris. Her professional background is rooted in 15 years' worth of consulting in company strategy, brand strategy and change management across a wide span of sectors and countries.



Sanne Kruid

Policy Adviser, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management Netherlands

Sanne is a senior policy officer at the Dutch Ministry for the Environment and is in charge of the mainstreaming targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework, negotiating on target 14-16 on behalf of the EU and its 27 member states. Before this, she worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the climate team. Sanne graduated from Wageningen University with a degree in Communication Sciences and a Masters in International Development studies and sustainable development diplomacy.



Rik Kutsch Lojenga

Executive Director

Union for Ethical BioTrade – UEBT

Rik has been the Executive Director of UEBT since its creation in 2008. He is an expert on sustainable BioTrade in support of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. He spent more than a decade with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), where he was involved in the creation of the BioTrade Initiative and helped to conceptualise the idea of UEBT. He has also served as the Board Chair of ISEAL, the umbrella group for sustainability standards.

Rik grew up in the Netherlands, where he earned a master's degree in business and environmental economics



Jorge Laguna-Celis

Head, One Planet Network-10yr YFP

For a decade Jorge Laguna-Celis has been contributing to advancing strategic partnerships, sustainable development and environment programmes with the United Nations. In his current role as Head of the 10YFP/One Planet Network Secretariat, he is overseeing a global network of practitioners, policymakers and experts working on a transformative new agenda for achieving SDG 12: ensuring sustainable patterns of consumption and production. Jorge can be found tweeting at @jorgelaguna”



Yves Leclerc,
Director of Agronomy North America, McCain

Global Director of Agriculture Sustainability, McCain Foods Limited. A Ph.D. graduate from McGill University, Canada in Plant Physiology, Yves has dedicated his career to the advancement of the potato crop and the promotion of environmental sustainability in agriculture.

Yves currently leads the company's Agriculture Sustainability Program promoting the development and implementation of good agricultural practices related to environmental sustainability, soil health and farm biodiversity with the aim of improving grower's livelihood and resilience to climate change. Yves is also co-leading the company's Farm of the Future project; a network of commercial farms around the world dedicated to combining state-of-the-art smart and innovative technologies to improve productivity while positively impacting the environment through the development and adoption regenerative agricultural practices.

Throughout his career with McCain Foods, Yves has led best in class research and extension programs, creating solutions to address environmental sustainability as well as crop production challenges. Yves has authored and co-authored more than 15 scientific publications and is the recipient of various scientific, industry and customers recognition awards. He is an Adjunct Professor with the University of Dalhousie in Canada and recently served on the ExCo Board of the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform.



Andrea Ledward

International Biodiversity and Climate Director, DEFRA, UK

Andrea is the International Biodiversity and Climate Director at the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Her responsibilities include driving a shift to a nature-positive world: reversing biodiversity loss, restoring ecosystems, tackling climate change and contributing to global poverty reduction. Prior to this she was the UK-focused Natural Environment Director at Defra.

She has spent 20 years as a civil servant. During 8 years in the Department for International Development she led the Climate and Environment Department, managed the UK's £3.87bn International Climate Finance portfolio and represented the UK on the Green Climate Fund Board and led DFID's largest bilateral programme in Ethiopia. Prior to DFID she spent 8 years in the Social Exclusion Unit and was the Head of Strategy at the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Her academic background is as a psychologist and medical anthropologist with expertise in working with children, young people and livelihoods. She has led large scale research programmes in Tanzania, Vietnam and Ghana and managed HIV/AIDS programmes for Save the Children (UK) in Malawi and Zimbabwe and advocacy work on sanctions in Iraq. She was educated at Oxford University and University College London and was a Fulbright scholar at Harvard.



Irina Likhatchova

IFC, Climate Business, Biodiversity Finance Lead

Irina is a global lead for Biodiversity Finance at IFC, member of the World Bank Group. She is leading market research and development of biodiversity finance business and products to incentivize private sector investment in nature-based solutions and projects with biodiversity co-benefits across emerging markets.

Ms. Likhachova led the development of the Biodiversity Finance Reference Guide that identifies investment activities that help address key drivers of biodiversity loss and help protect, maintain or enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Ms. Likhachova is a contributing author to the World Bank Group reports “Mobilizing Private Finance for Nature,” “Unlocking Nature-Smart Development: an Approach Paper on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,” and “World Bank Group Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025: Supporting Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development.”

She represents IFC in the multistakeholder process - the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) - to develop a risk management and disclosure framework for organizations to report and act on evolving nature-related risks.



Ms Char Love

Global Director of Advocacy, Natura & Co

Char is inspired by people in business who use their power as a force for good and firmly believes that accountants will save the world. Char recently joined Natura &Co, the world's biggest B Corp, as the Global Director of Advocacy where she is focused on supporting the business take a stand on key issues, and deepening relationships with partners who share a commitment to engaging in system level change. She also continues to teach and learn with students at Said Business School, University of Oxford where she designed the popular MBA course The Regenerative and Circular Economy: How to Do Business in a Climate Emergency, and the executive course The Oxford Climate Emergency Programme.

Char is a serial entrepreneur having been the co-founder of Volans, Heliotropy and B Lab UK where she held the role of Chair and Activist in Residence. Char's personal purpose in life is to create space for others, to share her energy and to seek experiences where she can feel the magic that materializes when people come together to activate for positive change. decision-making.



Glenn Mandziuk

Sustainable Hospitality Alliance, President and CEO

Glenn Mandziuk is the Chief Executive Officer of the Sustainable Hospitality Alliance – the leading global network in responsible hospitality. He is an internationally recognised CEO with over 25 years of leadership experience in advancing sustainable practices in tourism, hospitality and economic development, and establishing strategies and programmes that inspire responsible growth.

Prior to becoming CEO of the Sustainable Hospitality Alliance, Glenn was President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada’s Thompson Okanagan Tourism Region (TOTA) with its 4,000 industry stakeholders. Glenn’s leadership resulted in the organisation being recognised as a global champion of excellence and innovation in sustainable destination management and responsible industry development practices. The team received recognition from the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), World Travel Awards, and Responsible Tourism Institute’s Biosphere Gold Certification – a first in the Americas. In addition, the UNWTO awarded TOTA Quest Certification for excellence in leadership, execution and governance capacities – only the third such recognition for a destination management organisation bestowed in the world.

Glenn has 10 years’ experience in the hospitality industry in family-owned and operated hotels and resorts and holds a Master of Environmental Design degree majoring in sustainable tourism planning. He is also a director on the Board of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council and the Responsible Tourism Institute



Kathrina Mannion

VP Environmental & Social Sustainability, BP

Kathrina has worked for over two decades in the sustainability field, in the public and private sector. She currently leads on the implementation of bp's environmental and social sustainability ambitions and in her 10 years at bp has worked on environmental and climate policy, low carbon delivery and communications and advocacy. She played a central role in establishing bp's sustainability framework, including bp's biodiversity aim and targets, and contributed to the shaping of bp's net zero ambitions.

Prior to joining BP, Kathrina worked in UK government, where she held several roles, primarily in the field of sustainability policy. She developed the UK position on the Sustainable Development Goals ahead of Rio+20 and was a UK lead negotiator at CBD COP10. She led the development of England's biodiversity strategy in response to the Aichi targets and in her early career helped establish Scotland's first biodiversity strategy. Kathrina also led the delivery of the first cross government natural environment agreement in England and the first UK government policy on ecosystem services.

Kathrina is a fellow of the Forward Institute, which seeks to build a movement for responsible leadership. She holds a BSc in Applied Ecology from University College Cork, Ireland and an MSc in Sustainable Environmental Management from the University of Plymouth, UK. She also guest lectured for many years on conservation policy and sustainability at University of Cambridge, UK.



Alexandre Marty

Head of Climate and Natural Resources, EDF

Alexandre Marty joined EDF Group's Impact Division in 2021 as Head of Climate and Natural Resources. He has been working for more than 20 years on climate change, sustainable finance and environmental and social responsibility. Alexandre started as a consultant for large international firms. He joined the EDF Group in 2009 where he participated in the development of EDF Trading's carbon and environmental products desk, managed EDF's Sustainable Finance programme as part of the Group's Investors and Markets department and served as EDF Hydro's E&S Director.



Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema

Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

She has worked with the UN Environment Programme for over two decades and was the Director of the Law Division at UNEP. Prior to joining the Law Division, she was Deputy Director of the Ecosystems Division, in charge of coordination, operations and programme delivery. Prior to these duties, she also served as Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. Her work at UNEP has focused on development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, including multilateral environmental agreements at national, regional, and international levels.

Before joining UNEP, Elizabeth worked with Tanzania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. During her time with the Ministry, she also lectured in Public International Law and Conference Diplomacy at Tanzania's Centre for Foreign Relations and Diplomacy.

A lawyer and career diplomat with LLB (Hons) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Centre of Foreign Relations and Diplomacy in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.



Jyoti Mathur-Filipp,

Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental negotiating committee for Plastics Pollution

Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Executive Secretary, INC for Plastics Pollution. Prior to being appointed the ES for the INC for Plastics Pollution, Jyoti was the Director of Implementation and Support Division at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity since 2018, leading the work on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Prior to joining the Secretariat, she was Senior Advisor for UNDP, working on results-based payments for REDD+ in the context of the Green Climate Fund. Ms. Mathur-Filipp started her career in 1993 as Programme Officer with GEF, then worked on UNDP Capacity 21 programme. She also worked with the first private-public partnership between the UN and the private sector, Netaid, to promote awareness of poverty. She has been a Project Manager for the UNEP-GEF project 'Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House'. Prior to joining UNEP, she had worked at UNFCCC. Ms. Mathur-Filipp holds an Advanced Degree in Urban Policy, Management and Planning from the NASSR in New York and an MBA from the City University of New York.



Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim

ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Executive Director

Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim is currently the Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) where she leads the Centre in facilitating regional cooperation among the ten Member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on biodiversity conservation and mainstreaming. She is a veterinarian by profession, specializing on wild animal disease and management. She was Director of the Philippines' Biodiversity Management Bureau for 15 years and was the national technical focal point for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and also national focal point for other biodiversity-related Multilateral Environmental Agreements, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and Convention of Migratory Species (CMS), until she moved to the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in 2018. Among her notable international roles include Chair of the 21st and 22nd Convention on Biological Diversity Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (CBD-SBSTTA 21 & 22), Member of the 9th and 10th CBD-SBSTTA Bureau (representing the Asia and the Pacific Region) and led the development of the Program of Work on Island Biodiversity as chairperson of Working Group 1 during the 10th SBSTTA. She was also Chairperson, of the 3rd Meeting on the International Cooperation on Migratory Sharks under the UNEP- Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), in Manila, Philippines, and was a Party member to the Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming Biodiversity of the CBD. At the Regional level, she was Chair of various ASEAN Working Groups under the Socio-cultural pillar, in particular, on coastal and marine environment, nature conservation and biodiversity, and under the Economic pillar, on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement. Her core competencies and extensive experience and expertise are in local, regional, and international governance, policy development, implementation, and innovation, partnership-building, science and policy linkages, and advocacy, specifically in the

fields of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, mainstreaming biodiversity and on wildlife management.



Gladys Naylor

Head of Sustainable Development, MONDI

Gladys Naylor is Mondi's Group Head of Sustainable Development. Throughout her career, spanning more than 20 years in corporate sustainability, she has been inspired by the opportunities to achieve positive outcomes both for the environment and for people. She is passionate about taking action on nature and protecting biodiversity. She leads Mondi's work across all sustainability topics ranging from developing sustainable packaging solutions that contribute to a circular economy, forest management and responsible procurement, to social sustainability and human rights. Her focus is to support improvements in the sustainability performance of Mondi's operations. Gladys has led the development and implementation of sustainability commitments across global operations, including defining roadmaps for delivering net zero commitments and integrating sustainability considerations into decision-making.



Ms Christina Niemela Strom
Head of Sustainability, IKEA Supply

Christina is responsible for leading the Sustainability Agenda in IKEA Supply from sourcing to manufacture and distributions of IKEA products to the IKEA retailers worldwide. She is an internationally experienced business leader with passion for developing business and people together. Her experience from multiple senior leadership roles within IKEA Supply Chain, IKEA Range & Product Development and at the IKEA Franchisor, has given her a deep understanding of the total IKEA value chain and enables her to drive sustainability throughout the business.



Alberto Ninio

General Counsel, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Ninio advises the President and governance bodies of AIIB and is responsible for the legal aspects of the Bank's work. Prior to his appointment as General Counsel in January 2021, he was Director General of the Operational Services Department and led AIIB's operational support team in the areas of environment, social, procurement and financial management.

Prior to joining AIIB in March 2020, Ninio served in a variety of senior roles both at the World Bank where he left as its Deputy General Counsel for Operations, and, more recently, at Vale S.A., a major multinational mining and logistics corporation based in Brazil, where he served as its Global Sustainability Director.

Ninio brings over 30 years of experience in the international development, environmental law and corporate responsibility fields. He has law degrees from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the American University in Washington DC. Ninio is from Brazil.



Malu Paiva

Executive Vice President of Sustainability

Maria Luiza de Oliveira Pinto e Paiva is the Executive Vice President of Sustainability. She began her career 34 years ago in Human Resources and for the last 19 years, she has worked in the Sustainability area. Before coming to Vale, she was Suzano's Sustainability executive between January 2019 and February 2021.

She also served as Executive Director of Sustainability, Communication and Corporate Relations at Fibria Celulose between March 2015 and December 2018. She was an executive at Banco ABN AMRO Real/Santander and at Banco Nacional – with a trajectory focused on cultural transformation and leadership development. As executive director of Sustainable Development at ABN AMRO Real Santander, she led the creation and implementation of the sustainability strategy, which has become a national and international benchmark. She led multicultural teams and projects during the periods in which she directed the HR area for Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe.



Hank Paulson

Founder and Chairman of Paulson Institute, Former US Secretary of Treasury

Hank Paulson is the founder and chairman of the Paulson Institute, which aims to foster a US-China relationship that maintains global order in a rapidly evolving world. He is executive chairman of TPG Rise Climate, the climate investing platform of the global private equity firm TPG.

Paulson is also the co-chair of the Aspen Economic Strategy Group, and co-chair of the Bloomberg New Economy Forum Advisory Board. Paulson served as the 74th Secretary of the Treasury under President George W. Bush, from July 2006 to January 2009. Prior to that, he had a thirty-two-year career at Goldman Sachs, serving as chairman and chief executive officer beginning in 1999.

A lifelong conservationist, Paulson was Chairman of The Nature Conservancy Board of Directors and, prior to that, founded and co-chaired the organization's Asia-Pacific Council. In 2011, he founded the Latin American Conservation Council, comprised of global business and political leaders, which he co-chaired until 2017.

He also co-chaired the Risky Business Project from 2013-2017, a nonpartisan initiative that quantified and publicized the economic risks of climate change in the United States. Earlier in his career, he was a member of the White House Domestic Council as well as a staff assistant at the Pentagon.

Paulson is the author of the bestsellers *On the Brink* and *Dealing with China*. He is also the co-author of two books with Ben Bernanke and Tim Geithner, *First Responders* and *Firefighting*. He graduated from Dartmouth College and received an M.B.A. from Harvard University.



Gautier Quéru

Managing Director, Natural Capital, Mirova

Gautier Quéru manages the natural capital activities of Mirova, a Natixis subsidiary dedicated to responsible investment. In particular, he is at the origin of the “*Land Degradation Neutrality*” (LDN) Fund, a 200 million dollar fund established in partnership with the United Nations, and which includes the European Investment Bank and the French Development Agency, as co-promoters. The LDN Fund provides long-term financing to restoration and sustainable land management projects in developing countries, mainly in the sectors of agroforestry, regenerative agriculture and sustainable forest management.

Previously, Gautier Quéru headed the European Carbon Fund, a 140 million euro fund initiated by Caisse des Dépôts and dedicated to financing projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries, in under the Kyoto Protocol. He also participated in the development of renewable energy funds at Mirova.

Before joining the Natixis group in 2005, Gautier Quéru began his career at the Ministry of the Economy, on the establishment of carbon markets in Europe. An engineer by training, he is also a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.



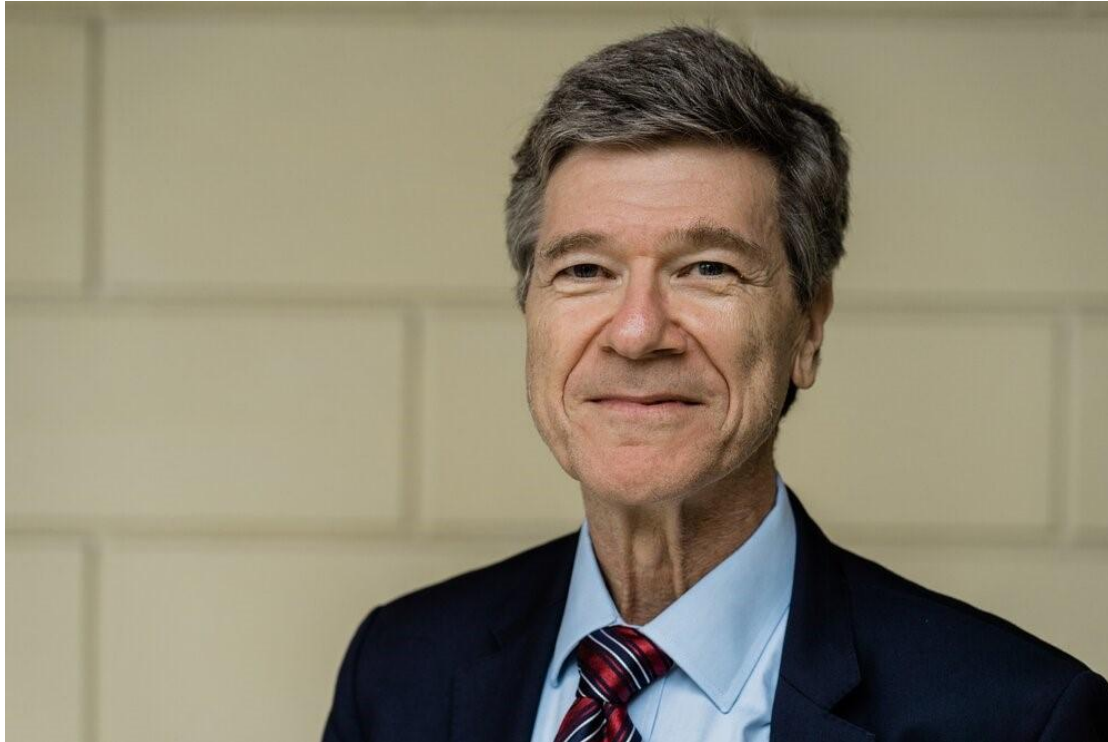
Catherine REMY

Vice President Environment & Social Performance, TotalEnergies

Catherine REMY started her career as an economist for TotalEnergies in 2004. She then moved to project development and spent around 10 years on the ground, holding responsibilities in Nigeria, Argentina and Spain, successively. She managed the projects from engineering to construction and installation.

She then joined back the company's headquarters in 2015, where she has been in charge of planning & development, before moving to business development direction where she worked in particular on Brazil and Iraq. She joined the Company HSE Division in 2021, heading the direction in charge of Environment & Social Performance for all the branches.

Catherine REMY rowed across the Atlantic in 2010, joining the Canaries to the Caribbeans in 64 days. She graduated from Ecole Polytechnique (France) and holds a MSc in Civil & Environmental Engineering from UC Berkeley (USA). She practices mountaineering. She lives in Paris (France).



Jeffrey D. Sachs

*Director of the Center for Sustainable Development
at Columbia University*

Jeffrey D. Sachs is University Professor and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he directed the Earth Institute from 2002 until 2016. He is President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Co-Chair of the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition, Commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development, academician of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences at the Vatican, and Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Honorary Distinguished Professor at Sunway University. He has been Special Advisor to three United Nations Secretaries-General, and currently serves as an SDG Advocate under Secretary General António Guterres. He spent over twenty years as a professor at Harvard University, where he received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Sachs has received 41 honorary doctorates, and his recent awards include the 2022 Tang Prize in Sustainable Development, the Legion of Honor by decree of the President of the Republic of France, and the Order of the Cross from the President of Estonia. His most recent books are *The Ages of*

Globalization: Geography, Technology, and Institutions (2020) and Ethics in Action for Sustainable Development (2022).



Kiran Sehra

Biodiversity Analyst, Aviva

Kiran is the Biodiversity Analyst for Aviva and is supporting the delivery of Aviva's Biodiversity Policy which includes conducting a biodiversity and deforestation risk assessment across investments, underwriting and operations. Previously worked at the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre focusing on integrating biodiversity risk within private and finance sector. Previously, Kiran has conducted research in Japan focusing on wildlife friendly farming certification and led research expeditions in Indonesia collecting tropical rainforest data for the Verified Carbon Standard. Kiran holds a MSc in Conservation Biology from University of Kent, Canterbury and a BSc in Biological Sciences from the University of Birmingham.



CUI Shuhong

Director-General, *Natural Ecology Protection Department, Ministry of Ecology and Environment*

Director-General, Natural Ecology Protection Department, Ministry of Ecology and Environment. Mr. Cui has been working with environmental issues for many years. Previously to the work he has done for the government of the People's Republic of China, Mr. CUI was a researcher with the Institute of Geographic Sciences And Natural Resources Research, CAS.



Julia Simpson

President and CEO of the World Travel and Tourism Council

Julia spent 14 years in the aviation sector on the Board of British Airways and Iberia and as Chief of Staff at International Airlines Group. Before joining British Airways, Julia was senior adviser to the UK Prime Minister. She held a number of key positions in the UK government and public sector, including Director at the Home Office and Department for Education and Employment; Assistant Chief Executive at the London Borough of Camden; and head of communications at the Communication Workers Union. Julia is on the Board of the London Chamber of Commerce.



Jason Storah,
CEO, Aviva, Canada

Jason was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Aviva Canada on 1 July 2019 and joined Aviva's Group Executive Committee on 6 August 2020. He has more than 15 years of experience with Aviva, serving most recently as Chief Distribution Officer, where he oversaw Broker Distribution, Partnerships, RBC Insurance, Aviva's Direct Insurance business and Marketing.

Since joining Aviva Canada in 2004, Jason has worked across a number of lines of business and held the roles of Chief Risk Officer, Senior Vice President, Traders and National Brokers, and Senior Vice President, Strategic Development. Previously, he worked at RSA in North America, South America and Europe.



Emilio Tejedor Escobar

Head of Environment & Quality, Iberdrola

Emilio Tejedor is Head of Environment and Quality at Iberdrola. From his corporate role he is responsible for the definition of groupwide strategies and goals on environmental performance and management, including biodiversity goals and circularity plans. His team also promotes innovation projects on environmental reporting and ecosystems conservation.

Over his 15 years of experience in Iberdrola he has developed several managerial roles such as Head of Knowledge Management and Head of Innovation Sustainability and Quality at ScottishPower (Iberdrola's UK subsidiary).

Telecommunication engineer by training, Emilio holds a Masters in Business Administration by the Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid.



Gabi Teren

Manager of the National Biodiversity and Business Network at the Endangered Wildlife Trust

Gabi is passionate about complex socio-ecological landscapes, and finding novel ways to conserve them. An out-of-the-box strategist, she manages the NBBN at the EWT engaging with businesses to mainstream biodiversity into all aspects of their business. She was the Research and Training Manager for an NPO involved with applied conservation research working with international students and volunteers. Her PhD research focused on landscape ecology and large-scale disturbances in savannas.



Paola Tineo

CEO, Zero by Ecopaolatineo

Medical Doctor and Interior Designer. Self-taught environmentalist for more than 20 years. Teacher of sustainability and quality of life subjects at UNIBE University for more than 10 years.

Her passion is sharing tips for a healthy and eco-friendly life. Facilitator and consultant on issues of sustainability, climate change, healthy eating and eco-friendly lifestyles, for children and adults.

As a representative of UNIBE, a member of the RAUDO Environmental Network of Dominican Universities, she trained more than 200 Higher Education teachers on the subject of Climate Change.



Michael Torrance

Chief Sustainability Officer at BMO Financial Group

Michael Torrance Chief Sustainability Officer at BMO Financial Group, overseeing sustainability strategy and leading bank-wide initiatives on environmental and social risk, climate change, ESG focused investor relations, sustainability related disclosure, operational sustainability. Prior to joining BMO Michael was a Partner at a major international law firm where he practiced litigation and environmental and social risk advisory. He has served on the Steering Committee of the Equator Principles Association and Chaired the Social Risk Working Group and North America Working Group and has Chaired the Cross-Sector Biodiversity Initiative (CBSI). Michael is a published author on sustainability topics and is regularly quoted in media and is the founder and host of the Sustainability Leaders podcast.



Anouk Trudel
CEO, Veolia Canada

Anouk is responsible for all of Canada's energy and industrial activities, including hazardous waste and used oil. Based in Montréal, she is bilingual and has more than 25 years of experience managing transformational and strategic projects across many industries, including healthcare/pharmaceuticals, financial services, technology, natural resources and telecommunications.

From 2020 to 2022, Anouk was the Vice President of VNA's Québec Energy Division, overseeing building management for clients such as Hydro-Québec, Desjardins and the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM), one of the largest hospitals in North America, where she also served as VNA's Site Director. In that role, she led a multidisciplinary team responsible for the CHUM's operating services, such as energy and utility management, maintenance services, IT technology services, the help desk and security services.

Earlier in her career, she held a variety of senior roles across multiple departments with Desjardins, building on her 15 years as a consultant with Accenture. Anouk earned a Master of Business Administration from the McGill-HEC Montréal program and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Université de Montréal.



Jo Tyndall

Director, Environment Directorate at the OECD

Jo Tyndall is Director, Environment Directorate at the OECD where she oversees the implementation of the Directorate's programme of work, covering a broad range of environmental issues, including: green growth; climate change; biodiversity; quality of ecosystems; eco-innovation; circular economy; and, resource productivity.

She was, most recently, New Zealand High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Singapore from February 2019 to September 2022. Prior to that, Jo served as New Zealand's Climate Change Ambassador, commencing this role in June 2010. From 2016 to December 2018, she also co-chaired the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA). As Climate Change Ambassador, she was head of delegation to the United Nations climate negotiations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Prior to her role as Climate Change Ambassador, Ms Tyndall was Director of the Broadcasting Unit in the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. From 1999 to 2006, she was Chief Executive of the public broadcasting funding body, NZ On Air. She has also served as Chief Executive of two screen industry organisations - the Screen Production and Development Association (SPADA) and Project Blue Sky (1994 to 1999).

Ms Tyndall began her career as a multilateral trade policy specialist with the then Department of Trade and Industry and subsequently the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Zoritsa Urosevicis

UNWTO, Deputy Secretary General, UNWTO

Currently the Executive Director of UNWTO since October 2021. She joined UNWTO in 2006 as Executive Secretary of the Business Council. Since 2010, she has led work on positioning tourism in the development cooperation and trade agendas, while strengthening UNWTO's institutional framework, leading the inclusion of UNWTO in the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list, as recipient organization for Official Development Assistance (ODA). The UN Rio+20 outcome document "The Future We Want" acknowledged for the first time the importance of tourism, and the explicit inclusion of tourism in the Universal 2030 Agenda. From 2015, Zoritsa Urosevic was the UNWTO Special Representative to the United Nations in Geneva and Director of the Institutional Relations and Partnerships Department providing policy advice for external relations, strategic partnerships and innovative financing to the Secretariat, including integration of the 2030 Agenda and the UN Reform in UNWTO's strategic work and delivery. She is also a member of the United Nations Chief Executive Board's High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) and Management (HLCM). Since the 2020 COVID-19 crisis, she has been supporting the Secretariat leadership with strategic policy advice and economic diplomacy for recovery and resilience of both societies and economies through tourism. By leveraging the power of the United Nations System and International Finance Institutions placing tourism at the center of the future of global cooperation, she has reinvigorated multilateral approaches that are inclusive, networked and effective in order to unlock tourism's potential for development as well as inclusive and green growth. From 1993 to 2004, Urosevic worked in the Seychelles at the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Tourism and Transport, as Economist and Director of International Cooperation at regional and global levels, including with UNWTO and other institutions. In her position as co-chair of the UNWTO Programme Committee, she lobbied for the first UNWTO Programme for Africa which was approved by the UNWTO Member States for 10 years. She started her career in France as Export Director for Groupe SOGEXPORT (Bank Société Générale) in Paris, after completing her studies in BSc Psychology at the University Louis Pasteur and MSc Business Management at the Institut de Promotion du

Commerce in Strasbourg. Born in Belgrade, Urosevic is a French and Seychelles national. She speaks French, English, German, Spanish, Serbian and Seychellois.



Ms Helene Valade

CSO, LVMH

Hélène VALADE began her career at Ifop, then at TNS Sofrès, where she managed the Opinion division.

In 2005, she joined the Suez Environnement group as Sustainable Development Director of Lyonnaise des Eaux. From 2014, Hélène VALADE is promoted to head the Sustainable Development Department of Suez.

Since January 2020, Hélène VALADE has been the new Director of Environmental Development at LVMH.

Hélène VALADE is also the co-founder of C3D in 2007 and President of the College of Sustainable Development Directors until 2016.

Since 2018, Hélène VALADE has been President of ORSE, the Observatoire de la Responsabilité Sociétale des Entreprises.

Hélène Valade is a Knight of the Order of Merit and of the Legion of Honor.



Geraldine Vallejo

Sustainability Programme Director, Kering

Géraldine Vallejo joined Kering in October 2013 as Sustainability Programme Director. Prior to Kering, she spent 11 years at VINCI Group (a global player in concessions and construction), first on worldwide infrastructure projects in the "Constructions Grands Projets" branch; then at VINCI SA and VINCI Concessions, where she was Manager for sustainable development and scientific partnerships. During her tenure at Kering, Géraldine has been responsible for helping guide the Group's overall sustainability strategy and program implementation. She oversees a team of international experts to support and advise the Group's Luxury Houses with a focus on creating innovative approaches and building strategic partnerships around sustainable sourcing, biodiversity conservation and low environmental impact production. Géraldine holds a Master of Science in Environmental & Civil engineering from Stanford University, California, and is a graduate from Ecole Polytechnique, France. She is Chair of the Biodiversity Commission of Entreprises pour l'Environnement (EpE) and participates in international forums on climate and nature, as well as the Task Force for Nature-related Financial Disclosure (TNFD) and the Science Based Targets Network (SBTN). On behalf of Kering, she also set up and manages the first-ever private sector partnership with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) to promote biodiversity science.



Peter van der Werf

Senior Manager Engagement, Robeco.

Peter van der Werf is Senior Manager Engagement at Robeco. He manages the corporate engagement program in the Active Ownership team and is involved in further integration of active ownership in Robeco's investment products. As Portfolio Manager SDG Engagement, he contributes to impact investing in listed equity. He also leads the development of sovereign engagement at Robeco. With his engagement work he challenged sustainability leadership at more than 200 global companies to align their environmental and social strategy with Robeco's sustainable investing philosophy. He is an Advisory Board member of the Finance for Biodiversity foundation. Peter holds a master's degree in environmental sciences from Wageningen University.



Zhang Yujun, PhD

Director General of Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), P.R. China, Director of Steering Committee, China Business and Biodiversity Partnership (CBBP)

Dr. Zhang joined the former State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) since 1997, participated in the institutional reform of SEPA, and had been contributing to the national reform of the environmental governance in China.

Before joining FECO in January 2022, Dr. ZHANG was the deputy Director General at the Department of Institutional Administration and Human Resources Management of the MEE/former Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) for 5 years. He was on secondment from MEP to Chengde Municipality as the Mayor's assistant from April 2010 to April 2012.

He holds a Ph.D. of Economics from the Renmin University of China, and he got his Master's degree from Yale University.



Eva Zabey

Executive Director, Business for Nature

With a background in natural capital and environmental management, Eva is an experienced leader, facilitator, speaker, writer and media spokesperson who has led Business for Nature since 2019.

Business for Nature is a global coalition of more than 75 influential organizations and forward-thinking companies calling for governments to adopt policies to reverse nature loss in this decade. Besides global advocacy, the coalition encourages companies to act, commit, transform and disclose to reverse nature loss, and advocate for greater policy ambition.

Prior to joining Business for Nature, Eva spent 15 years leading multiple projects at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). This included work on natural, social and human capital measurement and valuation for business decision-making, towards integrated performance management, and ultimately reporting for investors. She led the development of the Natural Capital Protocol as well as the establishment of the Social and Human Capital Coalition, both of which now sit under the leadership of the Capitals Coalition.

Eva writes on LinkedIn, is on Twitter @EvaZabey1 and gave this TEDx talk.