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Asia-Europe Sustainable Development Goals and Financing: No Longer Business as Usual
6–7 September 2017 | Hanoi, Viet Nam

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Wednesday, 6 September 2017
Venue: InterContinental Westlake Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam

08:15 – 09:00  Registration

Chair for the morning session: H.E. Mr Karsten WARNECKE, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

09:00 – 09:45  Welcome Remarks
- H.E. Mr Karsten WARNECKE, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)
- Prof Ursula MÄNNLE, Chairwoman, Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Germany)
- Mr Tetsuro YOSHIDA, Task Manager & Senior Policy Researcher, Sustainability Governance Center, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES, Japan)
- Dr Mi Hoon JEONG, Manager, ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC, Korea)

09:45 – 10:00  Keynote Remarks

H.E. Mr NGUYEN The Phuong, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee Break & Group Photo

10:30– 11:00  Introductory Session: Asia-Europe Environment (ENVforum) & the 2030 Agenda

Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA, Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)

11:00 – 11:45  How Can Financing for Sustainable Development Act as a Driving Force Behind Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Implementation
- Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA, Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)
- Mr Alejandro MONTALBAN, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Vietnam (TBC)
- Mr Jonathan DUNN, Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund (IMF, Viet Nam)
- Dr Debapriya BHATTACHARYA, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD, Bangladesh)

Moderator: Surendra SHRESTHA, Vice President for Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT, Thailand)

11:45 – 12:30  Financing National SDGs Implementation
- Ms NGUYEN Le Thuy, Deputy Director General, Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment (Viet Nam)
• Mr David TIMIS, Growth Engine Manager, Google (Romania)
• Ms LE Thanh Thao, National Programme Officer, UNIDO Vietnam Country Office

Moderator: Prof Laszlo PINTER, Central European University & Senior Fellow and Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD, Hungary)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

Chair for the Afternoon Session: Mr Moritz MICHEL, Deputy Director, Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)

13:30 – 14:45 No Longer Business As Usual - Making the 2030 Agenda Work Initiatives that Matter

• Ms Marja INNANEN, Deputy Secretary General, Ministerial Advisor National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office of Finland
• Ms Naoko UEDA, Deputy Director, Development Centre, OECD (France)
• Mr Florian BERANEK, Lead Expert Societal Responsibility & RBC, UNIDO Vietnam Country Office
• Mr Daniele PONZI, Technical Advisor (Environment) and Chair, Environment Thematic Group Committee, Environment and Safeguards Division, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB, Philippines)
• Mr Tetsuro YOSHIDA, Task Manager & Senior Policy Researcher, Sustainability Governance Center, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES, Japan)

Moderator: Dr Jong-Soo YOON, Head of Office, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD, Korea)

14:45 – 15:00 Introduction to Workshops on the Role of Different Types of Partnerships in SDGs Implementation

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:30 Workshop 1: Public Private Partnerships 2030

• Mr M.S.SEMBRING, Executive Director, KEHATI, Indonesia Biodiversity Foundation (Indonesia)
• Ms Ella ANTONIO, President, Earth Council Asia-Pacific (Philippines)
• Mr Ugis ZANDERS, Senior Expert, Green Public Procurement, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia

Moderator: Mr Moritz MICHEL, Deputy Director, Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Viet Nam Office)

Workshop 2: Corporate Approaches to Multistakeholder Partnerships 2030

• Ms Jacqueline KACPRZAK, Coordinator, Unit of CSR and Stakeholders' Affairs Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Development (Poland)
• Mr Tim HILL, Research Director, Eco-Business (Singapore)
• Mr NGUYEN Xuan Thang, General Director, Grundfos (Viet Nam)
• Mr Mani Kishore VAJIPEYAJULA, Cofounder & CEO, Banyan Sustainable Waste Management Solutions (India)

Moderator: Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)
**Workshop 3: SDGs Marketplace: Business Interlinkages**

Interactive discussion with participants moderated by Mr Florian BERANEK, Lead Expert Societal Responsibility & RBC, UNIDO Vietnam Country Office

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**Workshop 5: Sustainable Development Practices for Industrial Transformation**

- Ms Younji KANG, Project Manager, ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC, Korea)
- Ms Yujin CHUN, Cleaner Production Planning Office/Researcher, Korea National Cleaner Production Center (KNCPC), Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH, Korea)
- Mr Soo-Man JUN, Environmental Management Team Manager, POSCO Engineering & Construction (Korea)

Moderator: Surendra SHRESTHA, Vice President for Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT, Thailand)

**Workshop 6: Sustainable Resource Management as a Tool for Reducing Carbon Emissions**

- Ms Melissa LOW, Research Fellow, Energy Studies Institute (ESI, Singapore)
- Mr Candido ASTROLOGO, Assistant National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA, Philippines)
- Mr Niall O’CONNOR, Asia Centre Director, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI Asia Center, Thailand)
- Mr Mr. Jörg Rüger, First Secretary for the Environment, Building and Urban Development, German Embassy to Viet Nam

Moderator: Prof Laszlo PINTER, Central European University & Senior Fellow and Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD, Hungary)

**11:30 – 12:00**

**Thematic Workshops’ Highlights**

Rapporteurs’ Presentation on the Outcomes

**12:00 – 12:30**

**Conclusions of the Conference & Closing Remarks**

- Ms NGUYEN Le Thuy, Deputy Director General, Department for Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam
- Dr Geneviève BARRÉ, Director of the Political & Economic Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)
- Mr Moritz MICHEL, Deputy Director, Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Viet Nam Office)
- Ms Younji KANG, Project Manager, ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC, Korea)

**12:30 – 13:30**

**Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00**

**Guided Hanoi Sightseeing Tour**

Organised by the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Viet Nam Office)
Keynote Speaker

H.E. Dr. NGUYEN The Phuong

Deputy Minister
Ministry of Planning and Investment Vietnam

Dr. Nguyen The Phuong is Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam. His responsibilities include assisting the Ministry in directly guiding the fields of science and technologies; education and training; natural resources and environment and sustainable development. He is at the same time Chairman of Ministry Science Council and Head of Ministry Board for Women Progress.

Deputy Minister Nguyen The Phuong has a Doctor of Economics from Germany.

Speakers

Ms Ella ANTONIO
President
Earth Council Asia-Pacific, Inc. (Philippines)

Ella Antonio is the President of a private think tank (Brain Trust: Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc.) that conducts research, planning, policy studies, capacity building, etc. She is also the President of Earth Council Asia-Pacific, Inc., an NGO that focuses on sustainable development matters including SD goals, plans, strategies and institutional frameworks.

She had an extensive career in the public service, rising from Research Engineer to a Presidential appointee as Head Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff of the Socio-Economic Planning Minister. She has been working on sustainable development issues since in government and through her NGO and consultancy involvements.

Ms. Antonio is a Metallurgical Engineer and a licensed Environmental Planner with advanced studies in Development Economics and Industrial Engineering Management in Philippine universities. She received scholarships/trainings in development economics, financial analysis and programming, industrial planning, mineral economics, social and economic development policy, disaster management, development diplomacy, scenario building, etc. in reputable institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (USA), East West Center (USA), International Development Center of Japan, University of Economic Science (Germany), and Asian Institute of Management (Philippines).

Mr Candido J. ASTROLOGO
Assistant National Statistician
Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA, Philippines)

Candido Astrologo is an Assistant National Statistician of Standards Service of the Philippine Statistics Authority. He graduated from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium with a master’s degree in Statistics. He is currently involved as Advisor in the Sustainable Development Goals activities of the PSA, and sits in the UN Expert Group Meeting on National Quality Assurance Framework, UN Global Working Group on Big Data and PARIS21 Task Team Capacity 4.0.
Mr Florian BERANEK  
Lead Expert Societal Responsibility & Responsible Business Conduct  
UNIDO Country Office Vietnam

Mr. Florian Beranek is leading the development and execution of programs related to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) and broad cross-topical stakeholder engagement initiatives.

Under his agenda UNIDO reap26, an innovative tool for an integrative management system based on the scope of ISO26000, is developed and successfully deployed in several countries. Mr. Beranek is frequently contributing to seminars and conferences related to sustainable and responsible business in Asian countries such as China, Myanmar, Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. He maintains close cooperation with the ASEAN CSR Network and its General Secretariat in Singapore.

His credo: Today's Responsible Entrepreneurs should forget about hunting for "Win-Win" - It's all about "Make nobody losing".

Dr. Debapriya BHATTACHARYA  
Distinguished Fellow  
Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD, Bangladesh)

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, a macroeconomist and public policy analyst, is a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) – a globally reputed think-tank in Bangladesh – where he had been earlier its first Executive Director. He was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the WTO, UN Office, and other international organisations in Geneva and Vienna. He was the Special Adviser on LDCs to the Secretary General, UNCTAD. Earlier, he had been a Senior Research Fellow at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS).

He currently chairs two global networks, viz. Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals – a network of 49 thinks tanks from Africa, Asia and Latin America, serving as an open platform to stimulate and disseminate high-quality evidence-based analyses for discussions on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and related issues; and LDC IV Monitor – a partnership of seven think tanks and international organisations, seeking to contribute to effective implementation of commitments envisaged under the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for LDCs.

Dr Debapriya is engaged in high-level policy designing and advising for the national government and various bilateral and international development agencies at home and in a number of developing countries. He serves in the boards and working groups of a number of national, regional, and international development organisations and networks (e.g. Governing Board, BRAC International), and in the editorial board of reputed journals (e.g. Oxford Development Studies). His recent edited book is Southern Perspectives on the Post-2015 International Development Agenda, Routledge, London (2017).

He holds a PhD in Economics from Plekhanov National Planning Institute, Moscow and had been a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford. He held a number of overseas visiting positions including Senior Fulbright Fellow at the Centre for Global Development (CGD), Washington DC.

Ms Yujin (Rachel) CHUN  
Researcher, In charge of Cleaner Production Technology  
Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH, Korea)

Ms. Yujin (Rachel) CHUN is a researcher, in charge of cleaner production technology, in Korea National Cleaner Production Center (KNPC) under Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH). Presently, she is also a project researcher for MOTIE’s Green Partnership Project and Policies on Climate Change. Under the latter, she conducted studies on international partnership for GHG mitigation, international standard for cooperative approaches, and methodology for assessment to use cooperative approaches, and is also part of the development of methodology on sustainable development mechanism with cleaner production and resource cycling. In 2015, she has contributed to the Journal of the Korean Society of Clean Technology on the topic ‘Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control based on Best Available Techniques Economically Achievable’
Prof. Suh-Yong CHUNG
Associate Dean and Professor
Division of International Studies, Korea University

Suh-Yong Chung is Associate Dean and Professor in the Division of International Studies at Korea University. Professor Chung is also a Member of Policy Advisory Board of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a Member of Expert Committee of Presidential Advisory Council on Science and Technology, Chair of National Working Group on Governance of UNDP/GEF YSLME Project and Director of Center for Climate and Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDLAP).

Previously, Professor Chung was a Member of Presidential Committee of Green Growth, and a Member of Honorary Committee to Host Green Climate Fund (GCF). He also served as a Non-state actor Member of Council of Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), and Vice Chair of Compliance Committee of UN Basel Convention. At the academic level, Professor Chung was Director of Global Leadership Center of Korea University and Visiting Faculty of Sciences Po in France. Professor Chung's research covers institutional and governance aspect of the issues of climate change, environment and sustainable development at both regional and global levels.

His most recent works include Post 2020 climate change regime formation, regional institution building in addressing climate change and marine environment in Asia. Dr. Chung appeared in numerous international conferences and meetings hosted by various institutions including Stanford University, Harvard University, ECIP in Brussels, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri), Asia Foundation in Washington D.C. and ISIS Malaysia. Professor Chung also published many policy and academic papers and monographs in Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and Europe. Professor Chung holds degrees in law and international relations from Seoul National University, London School of Economics and Stanford University.

Ms Divya DATT
Senior Fellow and Associate Director
Integrated Policy Analysis Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI, India)

Divya Datt is Senior Fellow and Associate Director at the Resource Efficiency & Governance Division at The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), India. She is an economist with 18 years of experience in applied policy research in the environment and development sector. Her areas of interest include valuation of natural resources and ecosystems services, economic cost benefit analysis, environmental fiscal policy, and resource federalism. She has led inter-disciplinary research teams in these areas and has worked with several ministries in the Government of India, state governments, and most major multilateral and bilateral agencies.

Divya has a Master’s degree in Economics and has recently submitted her doctoral thesis on the subject of the political economy of resource management in federal countries. Her research has been published in international journals, books and newspapers. She is a recipient of the UK Government’s Chevening Fellowship on environmental management.

Mr Jonathan DUNN
Resident Representative
International Monetary Fund (IMF, Viet Nam)

Jonathan began his assignment in August 2015. He joined the IMF in 1993 and has worked with a range of countries in the African, Asia and Pacific, European, and Middle East and Central Asia Departments. He has served as the IMF Resident Representative to four countries (Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, and Nigeria). From 2010-15, Jonathan was the IMF mission chief for Fiji, Maldives, and Tajikistan, and pursued cross-country work with the Pacific islands with countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics from the University of Maryland. He speaks Russian and is studying Vietnamese.
Mr Gaurav GHOSH
Manager
Strategy & Business Intelligence Services, Asia Pacific Region, Valmet (Thailand)

Mr Gaurav Ghosh is the manager of the Strategy and Business Intelligence Services (Asia Pacific region) in Valmet. He has worked in the Pulp and Paper Industry for over 12 years in various sales and marketing positions in Thailand. Mr Gaurav Ghosh is currently leading the Strategy and Business Intelligence and Sustainability for Valment in Asia Pacific.

Mr Gaurav Ghosh received his MBA in International Business from AIT, Thailand.

Mr Tim HILL
Research Director
Eco-Business (Singapore)

Tim has worked as a writer, marketer and researcher in Asia since 1992 with organisations such as the Economist Intelligence Unit and Ipsos Business Consulting. During this time he has consulted for public and private sector organisations in areas such as the environmental and economic impact of climate change, growth strategies, market sizing, expansion in emerging markets, channel strategies and commercial due diligence.

He has authored research papers and articles on topics such as flood controls in Asean, managing the energy mix, the future of education, the impact of the millennial generation and the Asean Economic Community. His opinion pieces and articles have been published in The Business Times and the Straits Times as well as other publications. He is also a regular speaker and conference moderator for industry and client events.

Prior to this, Tim saw active service in the Middle East as an officer in the British Army and has campaign medals for service with the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and coalition forces in Operation Desert Storm. He has an MBA from Henley Business School.

In his spare time, Tim and his family explore Southeast Asia’s coastline by sailboat creating videos and articles on the environmental impact of tourism and climate change.

Ms Marja INNANEN
Deputy Secretary General and Ministerial Advisor
National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister’s Office of Finland

Ms Marja INNANEN is the Ministerial Advisor and Deputy Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development since 2016. She is responsible for the national coordination and implementation mechanisms of then 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Prior to her role in the Prime Minister’s Office in Helsinki, under the Ministry of Environment, she was responsible for the building and monitoring of the Society's Commitment on Sustainability, which is the Finnish national sustainable development strategy and operational tool to promote sustainable development. Marja INNANEN was also the Vice-Chairman of the National Indicator network, member of the sustainable professionals group of the Nordic Council of Ministries.

Marja INNANEN received her Master of Science in Applied Zoology and Environmental Sciences from the University of Kuopio, Finland.
Dr. Mi Hoon JEONG  
Manager  
ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC, Korea)

Dr. Mi Hoon JEONG is a Manager of the ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC). She is currently responsible for ASEIC’s ASEM Eco-Innovation Index project which measures eco-innovation status for each of 51 ASEM member countries as well as provides eco-innovation information and analysis for policy supports in national level.

Before joining ASEIC, she worked at the Korea Industrial Complex Corporation and was in charge of international cooperation to promote knowledge exchanges on behalf of the Korean Eco-industrial Park programme by organizing international events, facilitating study tours, participating in consulting projects, and contributing to international meetings and events. Her cooperated countries and institutions include Vietnam, Bangladesh, China, Japan, UK, Turkey, Guatemala, WBG, and UNIDO, etc. She also had other prior posts in environmental field, with focus on issues related to soil and water.

She holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Environmental Science and Engineering from EWha Womans University, Republic of Korea. She also holds a PhD from Purdue University, United States, in the area of natural resource management. The latter focused on managing the hydrologic impacts of urbanization in the perspective of smart growth through technologies such as geographic information systems, hydrologic models, multi-criteria optimization, artificial neural networks and heuristic algorithms.

Dr. Soo-Man JUN  
Environmental Management Team Manager  
POSCO (Korea)

Dr. Soo-Man JUN is the Environmental Management Team Manager in POSCO Engineering and Construction Ltd since 1995. Prior to his position in POSCO, he was an Environmental Engineer for Design in Dong-Ah Engineering, Ltd. Dr. Soo-Man JUN was involved as the project responsible manager for KEITI’s Green Management Spread Support Project (March 2011 – February 2014) and KITECH’s Green Partnership Project (March 2015 – February 2017).

Dr Soo-Man JUN received his PhD in Environmental Engineering from Hoseo Graduate School of Venture, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Ms Jaqueline KACPRZAK  
Unit Coordinator  
Ministry of Development of Poland

Counsellor to the Minister in the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Poland, where she is in charge of corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy and cooperation with the stakeholders. Poland’s representative in the UE High-Level Group on CSR and in the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct within the OECD Investment Committee. An expert in the fields of human rights and responsible business conduct as well as non-financial and sustainable reporting. Jury member at the CSR Reports Competition and member of the “Green Frog Award” jury. In 2016 she was also a member of Peer Review Committee in the process of translating into Polish the GRI G4. Prior to her employment at the Ministry of Economic Development, she worked for the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Microfinance Center and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. She also has extensive experience in radio and TV journalism and entrepreneurship.
Ms Younji KANG
Project Manager
ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC, Korea)

Ms. Younji KANG is Manager of ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC). She is in charge of managing Eco-Innovation consulting projects in Asian developing countries, such as, Malaysia and the Philippines. She also oversees and control qualities of ASEIC’s projects like: developing ASEM Eco-Innovation Index, and operating Green Business Centers in Asian development countries, etc.

Before her current position at ASEIC, She previously had project management experiences at the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) and ASEAN- Korea Centre (AKC). Her professional interests and focus has been in linking green initiatives to economic development, and has focused on international development issues since attending Yonsei Graduate School of International Studies in Korea.

Ms LE Thanh Thao
National Programme Officer
UNIDO Vietnam Country Office

Le Thanh Thao graduated with an Executive MBA from Shidler College of Business, University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has been working for UNIDO Viet Nam Country Office since 2008. Her focus is on on-going projects and programmes in various areas including private sector/SME development, industrial and trade competitiveness, energy and environment.

Ms. Thao has over fifteen years of experience working with expertise in the area of industrial and business development at both grass-root practical and policy levels. Prior to joining UNIDO, she managed her own business on investment consulting and export/trade promotion for industrial sub-sectors.

Ms LE Thi Ngoc My
Head of Sustainability
Heineken Brewery (Viet Nam)

Under Vietnam Brewery Limited, Le Thi Ngoc My worked as a Brand Manager for Tiger for four years before serving as a CSR Manager, where she supervised various projects for rural communities. She now serves as the Head of Sustainability for Heineken Vietnam Brewery.

Ms Melissa LOW
Research Fellow
Energy Studies Institute (ESI, Singapore)

Melissa Low is a Research Fellow with the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore (NUS), having joined after working for ECO Singapore (a local NGO) in 2010. She has participated in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP) talks since December 2009 and is the Designated Contact Point for NUS’s accreditation to the UNFCCC. In this role, Melissa tracks and researches international climate policy, focusing on UNFCCC negotiations, and helps facilitate dialogue among policymakers and stakeholders. She has published book chapters, policy briefs and in peer-reviewed journals such as Energy Policy and presents regularly at both the university and at high-level forums. Melissa holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in Climate Change Law and Policy (with distinction) from the University of Strathclyde and a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the National University of Singapore. For her NUS Master thesis on past and contemporary proposals on equity and differentiation in shaping the 2015 climate agreement, Melissa was awarded the Shell Best Dissertation Award 2013.
Dr. LUONG Quang Huy
Director
Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam

Dr. Huy is the Director of the Division of GHG emission monitoring and low-carbon economy, Department of Climate Change, Viet Nam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. He has extensive experience in research and policy making in the field of climate change mitigation, carbon market development and other climate change related fields. Dr. Huy is currently coordinating a number of international projects that develop Vietnam national policies on GHG emission reduction, NAMAs development and readiness for carbon market engagement.

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Deputy Minister Nguyen The Phuong has a Doctor of Economics from Germany.

Mr Nguyen Tuan Anh
Deputy Director General
Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam

Mr Nguyen Tuan Anh has 17 years working experiences in Ministry of Planning and Investment of Vietnam. His duty is focused on investment policy for public environmental protection and climate investment in Vietnam, and was a team member on formulation of Green Grow Strategy for Vietnam. Currently, he is deputy chief of national climate financing taskforce, second national focal point on NDC partnership, deputy director general of department in Ministry of planning and Investment.

He was graduated Master degree in Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand on the field of Industrial engineering and management.

Ms NGUYEN Le Thuy
Deputy Director General
Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam

Mrs. NGUYEN LE THUY is Deputy Director General of the Dept. of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam. She is also a Deputy Head of Viet Nam Sustainable Development Office (VA21). Prior to this, she worked as senior official in charge of environment planning and investment at the Ministry. She has contributed significantly to the development of the National Sustainable Development Strategy of Viet Nam and the National Action Plan on Agenda 2030 implementation. Currently, she is the focal point for the implementation of Agenda 2030 in Vietnam. She received her Master of Science in Agricultural and Resource Economics (Major: Environmental Economics) at the University of Tokyo, Japan.
Mr NGUYEN Xuan Thang  
**General Director**  
Grundfos (Viet Nam)

After Nguyen Xuan Thang is the General Manager of Grundfos Vietnam Co., Ltd. He joined the company in June 2014. In his role, Thang leads the overall sales operations, Business Development and Aftermarket Service Sales in the country.

Thang started his career as a Marketing Manager for a Singaporean Trading Firm based in Hanoi and worked with the company for three years. His ‘energy career’ began at BP in 1997 as Manager of Lubricant Sales and Marketing for North Vietnam. In 2000, Thang relocated to Bangkok, Thailand when BP started the process of integration of lubricant business thereafter the Group acquired Burma Castrol Company. In 2002, Thang returned to Vietnam to join BP Vietnam in business development to promote fuel retail, distribution and natural gas marketing opportunities.

After almost 10 years of service at BP, Thang left the company at the end of 2006 to join BAT Vietnam as Public and Regulatory Affairs Director where his task was to optimize company’s excise position through engagements and dialogs with government.

In 2008, Thang re-joined the energy sector as Country Executive for GE in Vietnam. In 2012, Thang was promoted as the Managing Director for ASEAN’s Strategic Accounts for GE.

Thang holds a Bachelor Degree in Marketing, and EMBA in Energy Business Management.

He is married with four children. Thang enjoys spending time with family and golfing.

Mr Niall O’CONNOR  
**Asia Centre Director**  
Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI Asia Center, Thailand)

Niall has a wealth of experience, having worked in NGOs, governments and in academia. Over the last 15 years, he has led senior leadership and management positions in Western, Eastern and Southern Africa. This included six years as Country Director in Gambia and Senegal for Concern Universal (a UK based international NGO), before joining WWF in 2008. At WWF, he served first as the Regional Representative of WWF Madagascar & West Indian Ocean until 2010, before moving into the regional position of Dir. PO Performance and Development Africa.

In August 2011, Niall started as the Regional Director for WWF Eastern and Southern Africa, demonstrating his strong leadership and management skills for this challenging position in WWFs biggest Programme Office.

In the world of academia, way back in 1998, Niall oversaw the establishment and development of the Agroforestry Research Unit for the Government of The Gambia, developing research programmes for agroforestry systems in sub-Saharan Africa’s agro-ecological zones.

Niall holds a M.Sc. in Biodiversity Conservation from Imperial College London (specialised in developing community managed nature park conservation plans), a M.Sc. in Forestry from University College Dublin (with ICRAF, specialising in agro-forestry), and a BSc in Forestry, also from University College Dublin.

Ms Tiza Mafira PANDOYO  
**Senior Analyst**  
Climate Policy Initiative (CPI, Indonesia)

Tiza Mafira is a Senior Analyst in CPI’s Indonesia office. She holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Laws from Universitas Indonesia, with studies focusing on environmental law and climate change. Prior to joining CPI, Tiza worked for six years as a corporate attorney in Jakarta specializing in natural resources and forestry law. She also has previous working
experience as a language assistant at McKinsey & Co, a summer internship in Boston-based environmental group Ceres, and a speech-drafter and climate change policy handler for the Indonesian Presidential Spokesperson. In her spare time she is an active voluntary advocate for environmental issues, having co-founded the Indonesia Plastic Bag Diet Movement which pushes for less use of plastic bags in Indonesia through regulation and awareness.

At CPI, Tiza has co-authored two studies in a series on Improving Land Productivity through Fiscal Policy, and is the project manager for CPI’s program in East Kalimantan to achieve regional economic growth through sustainable agriculture. She is part of a Technical Experts Team facilitating the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Finance in establishing an Environmental Fund Public Services Agency. Tiza also contributes to the legal and regulatory analysis within various other studies published by CPI Indonesia.

Prof. László PINTER
Professor and Acting Head of Department, Central European University (CEU)
Senior Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD, Hungary)

Laszlo Pinter is currently Professor and Interim Head of Department in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University and Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Laszlo is best known for his work on sustainable development indicators and strategies, integrated assessment, sustainability reporting and synthetic global outlooks. He works worldwide with governments, multilateral organizations, companies and communities that seek to translate sustainability from theory into practice. Currently his main interest is in the implementation strategies of sustainable development goals and related transition pathways that could help keep the Earth System and human society in a safe operating space.

Mr Daniel PLANKERMANN
Deputy Director and Energy Sector Coordinator
KfW, Hanoi Office, Vietnam

Daniel Plankermann is KfW’s Energy Sector Coordinator in Vietnam and Deputy Director of KfW Office Hanoi. Prior to that he worked in KfW Frankfurt and managed energy sector projects in Asia. In between he was seconded to the German Foreign Office’s Afghanistan Task Force. Before joining KfW he was a Consultant in International Development, advising utilities and Government agencies on financing and regulation in the energy and water supply sector. Daniel Plankermann is a German national and holds degrees in Economics and Political Economy from Tuebingen University and the London School of Economics.

Mr Daniele PONZI
Technical Advisor (Environment) and Chair, Environment Thematic Group Committee
Environment and Safeguards Division Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB, Philippines)

Daniele Ponzi has more than 30 years of experience in the environment field as staff and consultant for various international organizations, Italian companies and nongovernment organizations.

He joined ADB in 1995 and has worked in several departments with responsibilities for country strategy and programming on environment; processing and administration of loans, grants and technical assistance; and operations support, coordination, training and knowledge management functions.

Ponzi holds a university degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan and a 2-year postgraduate master degree in Environmental Economics and Natural Resources Management. He is a member of the Italian Journalists Professional Association.
Mr. Jörg Rüger
1st Secretary, German Embassy to Vietnam

Mr. Jörg Rüger is First Secretary for the Environment, Building and Urban Development at the German Embassy in Hanoi, Viet Nam. He also is the representative for the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

Dr. George SAFONOV
Director
Center for Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
National Research University Higher School of Economics (Russian Federation)

Graduated the master program of the leading economics university in Russia and CIS – Higher School of Economics in 1996. Defended the PhD (Candidate of Sciences) degree at the Lomonosov Moscow State University in 2001.

Participant of over 70 international research projects on the sustainable development, environmental protection and climate change issues. Among others, the recent global projects with his participation included Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (DDPP) that supported adoption of the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015, and CD-LINKS project aiming at linking climate and sustainable development policies in G20 countries.

A member of the governmental delegations and observer organizations at the UNFCCC Conferences and Meetings of the Parties since 1999. A member of the expert groups on climate policy, environmental management, sustainable development, green growth and specific environmental projects in Russia, Kazakhstan and CIS countries, Mongolia and others. A key expert of the Council on Development of Green Economy under the President of Kazakhstan. Member of the International Society of Ecological Economists and other scientific communities worldwide.

An author of over 80 scientific publications on the issues of climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainability, decarbonization and low carbon development, environmental and health risk management issues.

Dr. Bernhard SELIGER
Resident Representative
Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Korea)

Dr. Bernhard J. Seliger is currently resident representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation in Korea, based in Seoul, consulting NGOs, academic and public institutions in questions of unification. He frequently travels to North Korea, where he implements capacity-building projects, among others in forestry, biodiversity, organic agriculture and the introduction of the clean development mechanism. He serves as associate of North Korean Review as well as founding editor of the website www.asianintegration.org. For 10 years, he also works on sustainable development issues in the inner-Korean border area. In 2006 the honorary citizenship of Seoul was conferred by the later president of South Korea, then mayor Lee Myung-Bak, on Bernhard Seliger. In 2012 he became honorary citizen of Gangwon province, partner province of Hanns-Seidel-Foundation in implementing projects of sustainable development in the border area. Dr. Seliger holds a degree in economics from the university of Witten-Herdecke, Germany (Habilitation) and Kiel (Dr.sc.pol.) and a first degree from Universite de Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne).
Mr Muhammad Senang SEMBIRING
Executive Director
KEHATI (Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation, Indonesia)

Muhammad Senang Sembiring has been the Executive Director of Yayasan KEHATI (The Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation) since 2009. KEHATI is an independent grant-making institution, the first and largest biodiversity conservation trust fund in Indonesia.

Prior to his current position, Sembiring had extensive experiences in the Investment Banking and Capital Market with more than 25 years as a senior executive. Sembiring was a Director of the Indonesian Stock Exchange (IDX) for two consecutive periods from 2002 to 2009 where he supported KEHATI in creating a green index so called SRI-KEHATI index. The index performance was consistently 10% better than the market since it was launched in 2009.

Mr Surendra SHRESTHA
Vice President for Development
Asian Institute of Technology (AIT, Thailand)

Mr. Surendra Shrestha is AIT Vice President for Development. He has over twenty years of management experience in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, mobilizing support for United Nations programs and leading teams on assessment, policy development and multilateral agreements. A Nepali national, Mr. Shrestha holds a degree in Economics and Computer Science from Keele University in the U.K. and he completed his postgraduate studies at AIT. He held senior positions at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development in Nepal, and at AIT. He helped lead various initiatives, including: Atmospheric Brown Cloud and Black Carbon; the UNEP Eco Peace Leadership Centre; the Asia Pacific Sub-regional Environment Policy Dialogue; the UNEP-Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development; and, the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific. Mr. Shrestha joined UNEP in 1993 and became its first Director for Strategic Resource Mobilization, which led to a doubling of financial resources.

Ms Kaini STAMKULOVA
Head of Environmental Department
Almaty Office, IFAS

Kaini Stamkulova, International Fund for saving the Aral sea, Director of Environmental Department, Kazakhstan. Kaini has more than 20 years of experience of working in international organizations with the major focus on environmental and social projects in the Central Asia. Before joining IFAS she was involved in various environmental and infrastructure development projects such as irrigation and drainage, water supply and sanitation, urban planning, etc. with extensive cover throughout Kazakhstan, as well Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan. In her current role she oversees and coordinates projects on supporting ecosystems in Aral sea basin, including biodiversity conservation, water resources management, addressing issues on land degradation and desertification.

In parallel she also participates in the social projects encouraging local community in pursuit of alternative to fishing and hunting activities. She is particularly passionate about promoting women’s access to education, health services and employment in the region. In 2013 she was granted Honorary Award of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan for her contribution in sustainable development of the Aral sea region.

Mr David TIMIS
Growth Engine Manager
Google (Romania)

David Timis is a Growth Engine Manager at Google, where he coordinates the most ambitious digital skills training program in Romania, Atelierul Digital. He is also an active member of the Global Shapers Community, a network of exceptional young leaders from around the world who are determined to make a positive contribution to their communities, and to society as a whole. David was recently named the “Young Leader of the Year” in Romania by Revista CARIERE, and included on the prestigious “30 Under 30” list compiled by Forbes yearly, as a result of his continuous work to promote education, digital skills, and entrepreneurship among young people.
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Ms Bulganmurun TSEVEGJAV
Senior Program Officer
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI, Philippines)

Bulganmurun Tsevegjav is a Program Integration Lead/Specialist at the Green Growth Planning and Implementation Division of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). Based in Manila, she currently works at Philippine Country Program, providing professional expertise on ongoing program activities where GGGI is continuing to build its in-country assistance directed towards the paths to inclusive growth and climate resilience together with the Philippine Government. She also manages a project with the Department of Trade and Industry to assess benefits of green interventions among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Philippines.

She was extensively involved in design, formulation and translation of gender-sensitive and inclusive green growth policy planning documents in collaboration with National Government agencies and International organizations (WB, UNDP, ADB, TAF and UNFCCC Secretariat), delivered a series of capacity building programs and participated promotion of climate change mitigation, low-carbon financing and environmental projects at international, national and local levels.

She holds M.Sc. in Energy and Environmental Management, University of Twente in the Netherlands.

Ms Naoko UEDA
Deputy Director
OECD Development Centre (OECD, France)

Ms. Naoko UEDA took up her duties as Deputy Director at the OECD’s Development Centre on 14 July, 2016. As one of two Deputy Directors, Ms. Ueda supports the Director in establishing the strategic directions and implementing the Programme of Work of the Development Centre, ensuring that the Centre’s analysis and advice remain at the forefront of policy thinking and produce results. As a member of the OECD senior management team, Ms. Ueda works towards the achievement of the Strategic Orientations of the Secretary-General.

Ms. UEDA is responsible to provide leadership to strengthen the Centre’s engagement and impact with Asia, as well as in several thematic areas such as social cohesion, gender, production transformation, and assisting developing countries in their efforts to achieve the SDGs.

Ms. UEDA, a Japan national, has an extensive career in global development both in Japan and in overseas. Prior to her current work, Ms. UEDA served as Permanent Representative of Japan to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) during 2014-2016 and contributed to the work on development of air transport in the efforts of achieving the SDGs. During 2011-2014, Ms. UEDA was a Principal Deputy Director and Senior Negotiator for Climate Change Division and Senior Negotiator for Global Development Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. During 2007-2011, Ms. UEDA was Senior Advisor in the Partnership for Democratic Governance and Senior Policy Analyst for Development in the Heiligendamm-L’Aquila Dialogue Process Support Unit in the OECD. Prior to that, Ms. Ueda was Deputy Director and Unit Chief for the Development Assistance Committee, Aid Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Ms. UEDA’s filed experience in development includes her posting in Zimbabwe during 1999-2002.

Ms. Ueda holds a Master of International Development Studies, with a focus on Development Economics from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies and Foundation for Advanced Studies in International Development, Tokyo, Japan; and a Master of Arts, majoring in International Politics and Political Economy from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA.
Mr Mani Kishore VAJIPEYAJULA  
Co-founder & CEO  
Banyan Sustainable Waste Management Solutions (India)

Mani Vajipey is a recycler and is the Co-Founder and CEO of Banyan Nation, a technology driven recycling company that is changing the way India looks at plastics, recycling and waste management. Banyan's mission is to produce cleaner, safer and cheaper plastic that compels brands to use more recycled plastic than virgin plastic for their product and packaging needs. Banyan recycles discarded plastic into #BetterPlastic in a socially responsible and environmentally friendly way.

During his travels across India, the filth and squalor deeply disturbed him and motivated him to build an organization that would solve India's waste management challenges through technology and business innovations.

Prior to Banyan, Mani was with Qualcomm Inc., in California working on the design, development, testing and commercialization activities of mobile technologies for Apple iPad and iPhone product lines. Mani holds dual MBAs from UC Berkeley (Haas) and Columbia Business Schools; an MS Electrical Engineering Degree from University of Delaware; BTech Electrical Engineering Degree from NIT, Warangal.

Ms VU Tuong Anh  
Programs Leader  

Ms. Tuong Anh Vu was Deputy Director of Vietnam Cleaner Production Center for over 11 years after her three years acting as the Head of Environmental Management Department, Institute for Environment Science and Technology at Hanoi University of Technology. She joined the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank Group in 2010 as Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Production Specialist. Tuong Anh has a Master of Environmental Management and Technology from the Asian Institute of Technology.

Dr. Jong-Soo YOON  
Head of Office  
United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD, Korea)

Mr. Yoon Jong-soo has been appointed as Head of the newly established United Nations Office for Sustainable Development, administered by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). Mr. Yoon is the former Vice-Minister of Environment and an environmental expert in sustainable development. With over 20 years at the Ministry of Environment, he has focused on the establishment and delivery of policies through various projects in planning and budget, personnel management and other major tasks.

Previous roles include Assistant Minister of the Environmental Policy Department, Director General of Water Supply and Sewerage Bureau and Director General of the Waste Circulation Bureau, and Director General of Air and Climate Change Bureau. Yoon has also contributed at the international platform on environment as an Environmental Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations.

He has also played a pivotal role for the successful establishment of the second National Strategy for Sustainable Development (2011-2015). Yoon is a PhD holder in Environmental Engineering from Seoul University.
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Mr Tetsuro YOSHIDA
Task Manager & Senior Policy Researcher
Sustainability Governance Center, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES, Japan)

Tetsuro Yoshida is senior policy researcher at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and an expert on international environmental governance and sustainable development. Previously, he worked for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as protection and programme officer in charge of the management of environmental projects in refugee camps and their hosting communities worldwide and policy formulation to guide UNHCR’s environment and climate change related activities. He has obtained two Master’s degrees, in public international law and international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and in environmental science and policy from Imperial College London.

Mr Ugis ZANDERS
Senior Expert
Green Public Procurement, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia

Ugis Zanders as the Senior expert of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development provides expertise on sustainable consumption and production issues and consult the procurers on the inclusion of requirements and criteria for green public procurement in the public tenders through public seminars, lectures and helpline service. He was leading the elaboration of national legal framework for Green public procurement. As the representative of Latvia in the expert group for sustainable development (Baltic 2030) within the framework of Council of the Baltic Sea states he contributed to the drafting of the Baltic 2030 Action Plan. He is also the national focal point for UNEP 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. Ugis Zanders has been actively involved in Latvia’s presidency of the EU by drafting and coordinating the Presidency programme for environment. He was also the part of the team of Latvia’s accession to the EU negotiations and later represented national positions on environmental issues in EU Council formations during his diplomatic service at the Permanent Representation of Latvia to the EU. Prior the diplomatic service he was member of project evaluation team in the Ministry of Finance for selection of the project proposals for funding from international financial institutions. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Geographical sciences.
Organisers

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

H.E. Mr Karsten WARNECKE
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)

Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE is the 7th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in charge of the management and administration of the organisation, the implementation of its programmes and policies, and representing the organisation. He joined ASEF as the 6th Deputy Executive Director in August 2012.

Before joining ASEF, Ambassador WARNECKE dealt mainly with Germany’s and the EU’s involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counselor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific.

A seasoned career diplomat with over 25 years of experience, including almost 20 years with Asia, Ambassador WARNECKE is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. Previous postings have seen him serve in the German Consulates-General in New York, USA, and Chennai, India, as well as the German Embassy in Singapore.

Ambassador WARNECKE holds an M.A. in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., after studying Political Science at the Free University in Berlin.

Ambassador WARNECKE, a native Berliner, is married and has two daughters and three sons, ranging in age from 26 to 6.

Dr. Geneviève BARRÉ
Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)

Geneviève BARRÉ is the Director of the Political & Economic (P&E) Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), which covers the following areas of our work: governance, sustainable development, economy, and public health.

Prior to joining ASEF, Geneviève was the Director of International Development for the Asian Pacific region at HEC Paris School of Management. Since 2001, her missions included the development of alliances, collaboration agreements and joint programs with universities, enterprises and governmental institutions in Asia such as research and faculty development, students exchange and dual degrees programs, international conferences and events on economics, management and leadership issues.

Specialised in Asia's industrial, research, and education policies, she contributed to specific projects of economic cooperation between Europe and Asia for 30 years. As an expert, Geneviève conducted missions and studies for organisations, large companies and institutions (EU, OECD, World Bank), and managed several international projects in Asia.

Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA  
Project Manager  
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)

Grazyna Pulawska joined ASEF in February 2010. She is responsible for the Asia-Europe Environment Forum programme, which aims to strengthen co-operation between Asian and European stakeholders in the field of environmental and sustainable development.

Grazyna worked for the Ministry of Economy in Poland, working in the field of regional development. She has also been active in the NGO sector, mainly with the Service Civil International network in Belgium and the Development Wheel, a Bangladesh-based NGO specialising in supporting local entrepreneurship and fair trade.

She received her Master's degree in International Relations through a joint programme between the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and the Warsaw School of Economics.

Ms Nur A'in A RAZAK  
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Nur A'in Abd Razak joined ASEF's Political and Economic Department in August 2017 as a Project Officer.

She received her Bachelor of Social Science degree, with a double major in Political Science and Public Policy and Public Management, from Singapore Management University. Prior to joining ASEF, she worked with the Singapore Committee for UN Women in supporting various international initiatives seeking to improve the lives of women and girls in Asia and the Pacific region. Her interests include social innovation, sustainable development, and social justice. She aspires to shape policies that would help create better realities.

Ms Vanessa VOVOR  
Project Officer  
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore)

Vanessa VOVOR, a Belgian national, joined ASEF in September 2016. She currently works as a Project Officer in the Political & Economic Department. Vanessa is assisting the implementation of the Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights series and the Asia-Europe Energy Policy Forum.

Prior to joining ASEF, Vanessa has been active in the NGO sector in Brussels, mainly with UNICEF Belgium and Inclusion Europe, where she gained experience in managing projects, communications and organising campaigns.

Vanessa holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the Universite Libre de Bruxelles in Brussels. She then obtained a dual Master’s degree in International Relations from the Universite Libre de Bruxelles and Tongji University in Shanghai, China.
**Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)**

**Prof. Ursula MÄNNLE**
Chairwoman
Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Germany)

Professor Männle was the Vice-Chairwoman of the Hanns Seidel Foundation for 20 years before her election as Chairwoman in June 2014.

She studied political science, sociology and history at the Universities of Munich and Regensburg and taught as a professor at the University of Applied Sciences Munich for Social Science and Welfare.

With over 50 years of experience in politics her career in public office is extensive. She served as a member of Parliament, both in Germany and specifically Bavaria, for more than two decades and chaired various committees for her party, the Christian Social Union.

Other than HSS, her honorary posts include Federal Chairwoman of the Catholic Women Alliance of Employed Women and Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Morocco.

**Dr Axel NEUBERT**
Regional Representative Hanns Seidel Foundation Vietnam
Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Viet Nam)

With a Master’s degree in economics of finance and banking and a doctor in agriculture economics, Axel Neubert looks back on an economical education with environmental focus. After working in the financial sector for several banks, he first came to South-East-Asia as a scholarship holder of the Nixdorf Foundation in 2003. Since then he has been working for the KfW Development Bank, the German Development Cooperation as well as the Central Institute of Economic in Asia focusing on sustainable economical development and public fiscal policy. He established offices of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Hanoi, Vietnam and Yangon, Myanmar and has been the Regional Representative since 2010.

**Mr Moritz MICHEL**
Deputy Director
Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Viet Nam)

Moritz has been employed by the Hanns Seidel Foundation since 2013, where he has been acting as the Deputy Director since 2014. His focus of work lies with environment protection and climate change as well as sustainable development.

Since 2010 he has further been working as a technical expert for development cooperation projects of the German Federal Government, NGOs and the private sector in Europe and South East Asia in the fields of Public Private Partnerships, Vocational Training and Energy.

**Ms Trang NGUYEN**
Project Manager
Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, Viet Nam)

Joining the Hanns Seidel Foundation Vietnam after university, Trang has seven years’ experience in development project including four years managing environment sector under HSF Vietnam’s portfolio. Her field of work include environment policy, climate change and sustainable development.

Trang has a Master of Development Economics from the Netherlands and a Bachelor of Economics from Germany.
Rapporteur

Meike BINGEMANN
Researcher

Meike BINGEMANN is a former intern of the Political and Economic Department of the Asia Europe Foundation. She is currently a graduate student of International Economics, Business & Cultural Diplomacy and holds a Bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Freiburg, Germany.

During her studies she has developed a strong interest for sustainable development. This is reflected in her dissertation topic “A Socio-Economic Analysis of the Livestock-Industry in Germany” and also in her future aspirations regarding her academic career and choice of profession.

Between her studies she has worked for an NGO initially supporting the reconstruction of Nepal after the earthquake in 2015 and for a social enterprise supporting women empowerment through fashion in Nepal and organising charity events.
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For more information, please visit: www.aseic.org

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For more information, please visit www.hss.de or www.hss.de/southeastasia

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