

Participant Profiles

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KAZUMI MATSUI

Kazumi Matsui has served as the Assistant Minister for International Affairs at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan since 2006. Having graduated from the Faculty of Law at Kyoto University, he joined the Ministry of Labour in 1976. From 1985 to 1989, he served as Director of the Employment Security Division, Labour Bureau, Fukuoka Prefecture whereupon he became the First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom. From 1993 through 2003 Mr. Matsui worked in various capacities for the Ministry of Labour in the Employment Security and Labour Standards Bureau respectively. In 2005 Mr. Matsui became Counsellor for Labour Standards, until he was appointed to his current post as Assistant Minister.

OLIVIER DELEUZE

Based at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Olivier Deleuze is currently the Chief of the Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He joined UNEP in 2004 (where he has also been Chief of the Policy Unit of the former Executive Director Klaus Toepfer and Officer-in-Charge of the Division of Global Environment Facility Coordination), after a long career in the environmental movement.

An agronomic engineer by training, in 1980 Olivier Deleuze became a founding member of the Belgian Green Party, and an elected representative for this party from 1981 to 1986 in the Belgium Federal Parliament. From 1986 to 1989, he joined the private sector to work on a major air cleaning project, and thereafter he became a leading figure of the NGO movement in his country, as Executive Director of Greenpeace Belgium from 1989 to 1995. After leaving this post, he joined the Green Party again and was from 1995 to 1999 a member of the Federal Parliament for a second time, and Head of the Green Parliamentary Group. From 1999 to 2003, Olivier became State Secretary for Energy and Climate in the Belgian Government. In this position, during the Belgian EU Presidency (2nd semester of 2001), he played a fundamental role at the Meeting of Contracting Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Marrakech in November 2001 which is largely regarded as the key moment when the door was opened for the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol three years later, thanks to the adoption under his leadership of innovative enforcement rules.

KOMARA DJAJA

MICHAEL RENNER

Michael Renner serves as project director for the Institute's annual Vital Signs publication. In addition to his duties at Worldwatch, he is also a member of the Global Policy Forum Board, the Hague Appeal for Peace International Advisory Board, and the International Advisory Group of the Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research (Sweden).

His book, *Fighting for Survival: Environmental Decline, Social Conflict, and the New Age of Insecurity*, is one of the most frequently-cited sources in the literature on redefining security. Michael is co-author of *A Tale of Two Markets: Trade in Arms and Environmental Technologies* (with Miriam Pemberton) and contributing author to *World Security: Challenges for a New Century* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998). His work has also been published by the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament and the Bonn International Center for Conversion.

Before joining Worldwatch in 1987, Michael was a Corliss Lamont Fellow in Economic Conversion at Columbia University (1986-87) and a research associate at the World Policy Institute in New York City (1984-86).

Michael was born and raised in Germany. He is a cum laude graduate of the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where he received a Master's degree in international relations. He lives with his wife and two children on Long Island, New York.

JOHN BUCHANAN

Before his appointment at Workplace Research Centre, formerly known as The Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Training (ACIRRT), John held the position of Director of Policy Research in the Commonwealth Department of Industrial Relations. He has conducted research in the areas of micro-economic reform, local employment initiatives, performance pay, executive remuneration and the industrial relations system.

John has also worked for the trade union movement as a researcher, examining the nature of operation of performance pay systems. He was part of the project team that undertook the first Australian Workplace Industrial Relations Survey (AWIRS). His primary research interest is in how organisations respond to changes in the external economic and policy environment.

In recent years John's research interests have focused on changes associated with the demise of the classical wage earner model of employment. He is especially interested in new approaches to integrating industrial relations, social and economic policies to achieve simultaneous improvements in productivity and fairness.

SOPHIE DUPRESSOIR

Sophie Dupressoir is a policy advisor to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and is responsible for environmental, sustainable development and trade affairs. The ETUC is recognised by the European Union as the only representative cross-sectoral trade union organisation at European level and represents 82 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, covering some 60 million workers. Before joining the ETUC in 2002, Sophie Dupressoir was a civil servant of the French National Office for Meat and Dairy Products. She was a PhD researcher at the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD). She holds a PhD in development socio-economics from the School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS) and a Master from the HEC School of Management.

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RONNIE SCHÖB

Ronnie Schöb is Professor for International Public Economics at the School of Business & Economics, Free University of Berlin. Mr. Schöb holds a Ph.D. degree from Munich University where he studied and taught from 1987 to 2000. Until 2007 he was Professor for International Public Economics at Magdeburg University. He also lectured at the University of Essex, UK 1994-1995, and the University of Western Ontario, Kanada 2000-2001.

His fields of interest are labour economics and employment policies, reforming the welfare state, general public economics, particularly tax theory and tax policy including ecological tax systems, and environmental and resource economics. He has written extensively on these subjects and has undertaken several research activities in the United States of America, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

YOUNGKI CHOI

Dr Youngki Choi is President of the Korea Labor Institute. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from University of Texas at Austin in 1988. His recent publications include Korean Labor Politics since 1987 (2001, in Korean) and A History of Labor Laws Revision since 1987 (2000, in Korean).

IBRAHIM HAFEEZUR REHMAN

Mr Ibrahim Hafeezur Rehman, a British Chevening scholar of the 2000 batch, is Director of the Action Programmes Division, at the Energy Research Institute in New Delhi, India.

A social scientist by training, he has over 15 years experience in projects and activities related to rural development in general and Natural Resources Management in particular.

Mr Rehman has worked in different states of the country including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttaranchal and Jharkand.

N.G. KULARATNE

Mr. N.G. Kularatne, Director General of the National Institute of Labour Studies has been in public service for almost 35 years in District Administration, several Ministries, and other institutions in various capacities. He has also served as Director, Asian Productivity Organization, Tokyo for almost 5 years. He, as the Additional Director of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration and as the Director General, National Institute of Business Management was involved in many research activities. In addition, he has undertaken research and survey assignments for pure academic purposes. He obtained his BSc and MPA degrees in Sri Lanka and the MBA degree in Slovenia.

PETER GLYNN

Peter is an advisor with the International Organisation of Employers with specific responsibility for Climate Change. He has worked with ACT/EMP and the IOE over the past 12 months, based in Turin and Geneva.

Peter is an Australian by birth and an Accountant by profession. He has held management positions in employer organisations for the past 20 years before taking the positions in Europe.

He was Chief Executive Officer of the Australian industry association National Electrical and Communications Association for 12 years. NECA was the peak association for the industry with

responsibility for its members in their capacity as employers, businessmen and technicians. The association had 6,000 member businesses. It had eight regional offices and 50 specialist staff.

Peter represented NECA in a number of national and international roles, including:

- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Counsellor).
- National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (Ministerial appointment).
- Federation of Asian and Pacific Electrical Associations (Vice President)
- Federation of ASEAN Electrical Associations (Counsellor).

Peter has significant experience in developing and advocating policy for business particularly relating to skills, workplace, organisational and commercial planning and development.

KENNETH NEIL CUKIER

Kenneth Neil Cukier is the Japan business and finance correspondent of *The Economist* in Tokyo. Earlier, he was the telecoms and IT correspondent for the paper in London, where his work focused on the international politics of technology, particularly intellectual property and Internet governance. Previously, he was the technology editor of *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in Hong Kong and a regular commentator on CNBC Asia; before that he was the European Editor of Red Herring. From 1992 to 1996 he worked at *The International Herald Tribune* in Paris. From 2002 to 2004 Mr. Cukier was a research fellow at the National Center for Digital Government at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he worked on a book about the Internet and international relations. His work has also appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Prospect*, *The Financial Times* and *Foreign Affairs*, among others. He has been a frequent commentator on business and technology matters for CBS, CNN, NPR and the BBC and others. Mr. Cukier is a term-member at the Council on Foreign Relations. Additionally, he serves on the board of advisors to the Daniel Pearl Foundation.

SHRASHTANT PATARA

Shrastant Patara is Vice President of Development Alternatives and the CEO of TARA Livelihood Academy. He trained as an architect and has been with Development Alternatives since 1988. His early work included the use of sustainable materials and technology in buildings. Shrashtant Patara was instrumental in promoting micro concrete roofing technology to over 300 enterprises in the 1990s.

TAKAHIRO HIRAISHI

A graduate of the Faculty of Engineering and Graduate School of Science at the University of Tokyo, Takahiko Hiraishi worked at the Environment Agency on a range of pollution control issues, including harmful chemical substances and water pollution. After postings to the Japanese Embassy in Kenya and the OECD, he served as director of the Environmental Assessment and Information Office at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). In 1999 he became involved with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and as Co-chair of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, he is the sole Japanese member of the IPCC Bureau.

PAN JIAHUA

Currently Executive Director of CASS – RCSD and professor of economics at CASS Graduate School. He received his PhD at Cambridge University in 1992. His research interests cover economic and social dimensions of sustainable development, energy and development, climate policy, and economics of the environment and natural resources.

He worked for the UNDP Beijing Office as a Senior Programme Officer and advisor on environment and development and for the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Working Group III on Mitigation as a senior economist in the Technical Support Unit and a co-editor of IPCC Working Group III Third Assessment Report Climate Change 2001: Mitigation; a lead author on sustainable development and mitigation in the IPCC WG III 4th Assessment (AR4, 2003-2007) and a UNFCCC expert reviewer on national communications. His recent research projects include CDM policy in China, Human development with low emissions as a scenario for post-Kyoto, Ecological planning and assessment of social and economic development in Zhejiang Province, Emissions demand for development goals in China, and South-North Dialogue on Equity in the Greenhouse.

Author of 150 papers and articles in academic journals, magazines and newspapers, including *Economic Analysis of Alternative Approaches to Sustainable Development* (Remin University Press, 1997), *The Language of Trade* (translated from English, China Economics Press, 1999), *Climate Change 2001: Mitigation* (lead author and co-editor, Cambridge University Press, 2001), *Emissions rights and their transferability: equity concerns over climate change mitigation*, (*International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, 2003), *South-North dialogue on equity in the greenhouse*. A proposal for an adequate and equitable global climate agreement (co-author, Eschborn, GTZ, 2004). *Meeting human basic needs with low emissions*, IDS (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex) Bulletin on Climate Change and Development, July 2004, volume 35, number 3).

DIPAL C. BARUA

Dipal C. Barua along with Professor Yunus is the founding member of Grameen Bank, when it started as an action research project in 1976. He has spent more than 30 years of his life developing and implementing micro-credit packages to make the poor and the rural people an essential part of development cycle. The concept of micro-credit as a tool for development has been accepted by the world and Grameen type of programs can be found in every country including developed countries such as USA. He is now the Deputy Managing Director of Grameen Bank and occupies the Number 2 position after Professor Yunus.

He has a Masters Degree in Economics from Chittagong University. He was a student of Professor Yunus. He took part in the "Rural Development Project" as research fellow from 1974 to 1978 and in the "Jobra Tevhaga Khamar" as a research assistant and coordinator under the supervision of Professor Yunus. This action research project eventually became Grameen Bank. He was also a key staff of Grameen Bank when it was transformed in to specialized banking institution.

He is also the driving force in expanding renewable energy technologies in Bangladesh. He is the Founding Managing Director of Grameen Shakti which is one of the most successful rural based renewable energy companies in the world. He advocated and succeeded in establishing pro-friendly renewable energy policies in Bangladesh His single most contribution include the adaptation by World Bank of the GS model to expand renewable energy in Bangladesh through the IDCOL Project. IDCOL is a semi-government organization which provides soft loans to other organizations for implementing renewable energy technologies.

RAMIN KEIVANI

Dr Ramin Keivani is the Research Coordinator and Tutor at the Department of Real Estate and Construction, School of the Built Environment, Oxford Brookes University. His areas of research interests include comparative urban research, particularly impact of globalisation on land markets and urban development in developing and transition economies, urban competitiveness, urban regeneration, international land and housing policy. He has managed several research projects including ESRC and RICS funded work and provided research and consultancy services in a number of countries including China, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Brazil, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland.

Dr Keivani is co-author of a book on housing policy in developing countries and has published a number of book chapters and papers on globalisation and urban development as well as land markets and housing

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MINORU HOSHIYA

Minoru Hoshiya is the General Manager of Environment Standards Division, Environment Planning Center, Environment Headquarters, Canon Inc. He joined Canon Inc. Tokyo in 1973 and was with the Electronic Calculator Division. He moved in 1981 to Canon Europa N.V. in Amsterdam to market Electronic Typewriters in Europe, returning in 1991 to Canon Inc. Tokyo (Ink-Jet Printer Division). He moved in 1995 to California, USA to join Canon Business Machined Inc., and returned to Canon Inc. Tokyo again in 2001 to Corporate Strategy & Development Headquarters.

He moved to Environment Headquarters in 2004 and was assigned General Manager in charge of global warming prevention and energy conservation activities for Canon's operational sites.

YINGLING LIU

Yingling Liu joined the Institute in 2005. She is currently tracking and analyzing important trends and policy developments in energy and agricultural sectors of China, and contributing to the publications of the institute. Prior to that, she worked with the Yale Office of International Affairs on large-scale training programs for Chinese senior government officials and university administrators. Before coming to the United States in 2003, Yingling worked for 7 years with the All-China Journalists' Association, the national media NGO in China, first as officer and then the Deputy Chief of the America & Oceania Division of the association. There she worked with visiting journalists on various on-the-spot reporting missions, and wrote for Chinese newspapers and magazines.

Yingling has a Master's degree in International Relations from Yale University. Her Bachelor's degree, in English Literature, is from Beijing Normal University in China.

MARY JANE C. ORTEGA

Mary Jane Ortega served as Mayor of the City of San Fernando La Union for three three-year terms. At present, she is a part-time lecturer on local economic development at the Ateneo School of Government and is also consultant for the League of Cities of the Philippines on Legislative Affairs. For the City of San Fernando, La Union, she is a consultant for environment and international networking. Mary Jane Ortega sits as a member of the Advisory Council of International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and continues to be a member of the Mayors Council for Climate Change.

CHAMHURI SIWAR

Chamhuri Siwar is a Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). He holds a MS degree from Iowa State University, USA. His area of specialisation includes agricultural and resource economics, rural economics, environmental economics, poverty and income distribution, sustainable economies, socioeconomics and impact studies. His areas of research include rural and urban poverty, sustainable agriculture (including sustainable forestry and fisheries), poverty and environment, waste management, economic sustainability, rural and agricultural development policies, sustainable development, corporate social responsibility and socioeconomic impact assessment. He leads several Intensified Research in Priority Areas (IRPA) projects related to Urban Poverty and the Informal Sector (1998/1999), Municipal Solid waste management (1999/2002), Poverty and Environment (2004/2005) and Socioeconomic Impact of the Financial Crisis

(2000/2002). Currently, he is leading a research team on Corporate Social responsibility (CSR) for Sustainable Development (2006/2009).

MARILYN HEAD

Marilyn Head joined the New Zealand Nurses Organisation as Policy Analyst in 2007. She has been fully involved in the Climate Change Working Group at the NZCTU, is an acknowledged expert on climate change issues, and is a strong advocate of “green jobs”. She has a background in science journalism and has been assisting the NZCTU Policy Director with the design of a tripartite initiative on energy efficiency. She is a well published author with a strong interest in social justice.

PENNY NELSON

Penny Nelson recently joined Landcare Research as Science Leader, Sustainability & Society.

Penny’s interests are: brokering relevant, quality research/science into policymaking; looking ahead to future issues & ensuring quality research ready ahead of time for decision makers; facilitating new approaches to problem solving for complex environmental issues; assisting businesses to have credible environmental and social performance – particularly in export markets; further exploring the links between social sustainability and environmental quality; education & sustainability ; and ethical investment.

She has 15 years experience as a policy manager with the Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Commerce, Department of Labour and Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).

WONG POH POH

Associate Professor Wong Poh Poh is a Coordinating Lead Author in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report and in the recently completed Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography. Within the Department, Associate Professor Wong is a member of the Teaching Strategy Sub-Committee, staff in charge of the Earth Lab, Laboratory/Departmental Equipment and Map Resource Unit, member of the USP/GEM/SS Modules and Time-Tabling. He is also the Department Library Representative.

ALBERTO EMILIO YUSON

Ambet Yuson, who was appointed as the new Regional Representative at the 1st Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) Asia Pacific Regional Conference in September 2007, joined IFBWW, BWI’s predecessor in 1997 as the Project Coordinator for IFBWW’s Trade Union and Education Project in the Philippines. From 2000 to 2001 he was the Regional Health & Safety Coordinator. He later moved to IFBWW Headquarters in Geneva to become the IFBWW Education Secretary in 2002 and BWI in 2005. However, after five years he heeded the calls for him to return to the Asia-Pacific Region by accepting the post of Regional Representative in Katmandu, Nepal.

Ambet Yuson’s commitment for political, social, and economic justice goes back to 1983 when he was a university student. Immediately after graduation, he joined the trade union movement as an organizer-educator.

AISAKE TALAKULI SEMISI SAUKAWA

Aisake Talakuli Semisi Saukawa has extensive experience in management, finance, banking, investments and community relationship. He has been with the Vanua Development Corporation Ltd, the commercial arm of the native Land Trust Board in Fiji, since 2004. The Fiji Land Development Corporation was established to assist the indigenous landowner setup landowner based companies to develop his own resources. The Corporation comprises three separate companies. One will oversee tourism development, another to look into developing the timber industry inclusive of mahogany, pine and natural forests and the third company will look after the land development.

ANETA NIKOLOVA

Ms. Aneta Slaveykova Nikolova, has more than twenty years progressive experience in policy analysis, development and advocacy of sustainable development policies, as well as in providing capacity building, institutional strengthening and technical advice to developing countries and countries with economies in transition. While taking stock of her broad educational background with degrees in Scientific Information Management, in Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology (Engineer) and European Politics and Administration, Ms. Nikolova has been managing projects and programmes addressing the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in Europe, Africa and Asia for more than 17 years.

This development work has provided Ms. Nikolova with a wide and holistic perspective of the symptoms and nature of the problems that countries need to address while implementing development policies. These experiences have aided her while she undertook the assignment in UNESCAP to assist with the conceptual development of environmentally sustainable economic growth – “Green Growth” as a key member of the Green Growth team, lead by Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director, ESDD, UNESCAP. Since 2005, when the Green Growth approach was adopted by the 5th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, Ms. Nikolova has been overseeing analytical and advocacy work in ESDD, UNESCAP. Currently, the Green Growth team is focusing on developing capacity building programmes for the countries in the Asia and Pacific Region. The team is advocating the analysis of the social, economic and environmental qualities of economic growth in the developing countries in the region in order to identify policy makers’ focus areas for the application of various green growth policy tools.
