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Moderator

Elisa Tonda is the Chief of the Resources and Markets Branch in the Industry and Economy Division of UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme). Elisa has more than 20 years of experience in the field of environmental management, business sustainability, resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, circular economy and sustainable development. She started her career in the private sector as an environmental expert and has then held several positions in UN organizations.

From 2002 she worked as industrial development officer at the UN Industrial Development Organization in the areas of cleaner production and sound chemicals management. In 2009 she joined UNEP as regional officer for resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production in the Regional Office of Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2012 she joined the Industry and Economy Division where she led a growing team working on sustainable consumption and production, circular economy, sustainable value chains across several industrial sectors.

Speakers

Ingvild Solvang is Director and Head of Climate Action and Inclusive Development at the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). After 20 years of leadership in the international humanitarian and development sectors, she moved to GGGI and a sharper focus on the underlying issues of sustainability. She oversees GGGI's support to Member States on green growth planning, LTLEDS, NDCs and NAPs, and is responsible for the integration of gender equality and poverty alleviation in GGGI global program, which to date has supported the mobilization of USD 8bn in green and climate finance.

Dr. Dong Soo Kang currently serves as the Executive Director of the Global Knowledge Exchange and Development Center (GKEDC) at the Korea Development Institute (KDI). Since joining KDI in 2000, he has accumulated diverse experience in policy research and project management. At KDI, he has held various executive positions, including Senior Vice President and Chief Research Officer and Senior Director of the Department of Macroeconomic and Financial Policy. Additionally, he served as a Senior Counselor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Strategy and Finance. Prior to his tenure at KDI, Dr. Kang taught macroeconomics at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton and worked for the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) of Korea. He also worked as an Economist for the Department of Economics at the OECD and served as a Consultant for the WB and the ADB. In his current role, Dr. Dong Soo Kang takes the lead in designing and implementing impactful knowledge-sharing programs. Leveraging exhibitions, seminars, and capacity-building initiatives, he collaborates closely with esteemed partners, such as Multilateral Development Banks, partner governments, and public institutions, to facilitate effective information exchange and foster strategic alliances. Dr. Kang holds a B.A. in Economics from Seoul National University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago.

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Jooyeon Moon works as a researcher at the National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT), where she focuses on the facilitation of climate technology cooperation project operating in overseas countries. Prior to joining NIGT, she worked for UNESCAP in Bangkok in the Space Application Section of Disaster Risk Management Division as consultant. At NIGT, she has participation in diverse projects; waste-to-energy project in Indonesia, solar resource development in Sri Lanka, establishment of a waste separation facility in Bhutan, and development of REDD+ policy framework in Samoa etc. Her research interest is on amplifying the impact of cooperation projects, and also following issues on linking these impacts to carbon market mechanism. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Science and Ecological Engineering from Korea University.

Mr. Patrick Jean GILABERT, Ph.D., Representative, UNIDO Regional Office Hub in Egypt is a French national and development economist. He has devoted 30 years to international public service, with increasing responsibility for managing complex development portfolios in Asia, the Indian Ocean, the Middle East, North Africa, and Sub-Saharan countries. He is a former UNIDO Representative in Madagascar, Viet Nam, and Brussels. Mr. Gilabert started his career at the smart card company Gemplus Electronics in France and at the French Embassy (Trade Commission) in Tokyo, Japan and Colombo, Sri Lanka. In 1993, he joined UNIDO for two years at the country office in Hanoi, Vietnam, before being appointed as an investment promotion expert at the headquarters in Vienna, where he worked mainly in the Maghreb countries, sub-Saharan Africa, and China (1996-2006).

Mr. Gilabert was appointed UNIDO Representative in Antananarivo, Madagascar, with coverage of the Union of Comoros, Seychelles and Mauritius (2007-2010), and Representative in Hanoi, Viet Nam (2010-2016), Deputy Representative to the UN in New York (2016-2018) and Representative to the European Union and the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) in Brussels (2018-2022), culminating in the organization of the High-Level Dialogue between UNIDO and the European Union on in December 2022. Finally, he was a Senior External Relations Officer in the Policymaking Organs Division (PMO) at UNIDO HQs, supporting the organization of the 39th session of the Programme and Budget Committee and the 51st session of the Industrial Development Board.