



8TH DIALOGUE ON ACTION FOR CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT

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Speaker Bios



Albert Altarejos Magalang: Albert Altarejos Magalang is the Head of the Climate Change Office of the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and concurrently the Head Secretariat of the Philippine Designated National Authority (DNA) for CDM under the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He is the DENR's regular representative to the Philippine delegation of country negotiators in the UNFCCC climate change talks and the national representative in the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change and in the UN Environment Assembly. He is the ACE national focal point and served as a facilitator for ACE negotiations at the sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI).



Margalit Levin: Margalit is an Australian diplomat, and currently an international negotiator in Australia's delegation to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change with responsibility for Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE). Immediately prior to this position she was posted to the Australian Embassy in Germany, where she covered climate and energy policy, foreign policy, and global issues including health, cyber and the future of work.





Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa: Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa has been the Chief of Section for Inclusive Quality Education since April 2016. She oversees UNESCO's regional programme in the Asia-Pacific in the fields of education policy and planning, ICT in education, learning quality, and inclusion and gender in education, from early childhood to secondary education. She is also the Regional Coordinator for the SDG4-Education 2030 and the Gender Focal Point. Prior to Bangkok, Maki was based at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris looking after UNESCO's global programme on ECCE, inclusive education, gender and education, learning assessment and teacher education. Maki has nearly 25 years of development work experience, mostly working in the Asia-Pacific region with UNESCO, UNICEF and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



Kazumasa Okao: Kazumasa Okao is a peace-building practitioner aiming to create a diverse and sustainable global society. In his decade-long work field spanning diverse layers and sectors from government to industry, he has engaged in various positions including a medical representative, ESG/SDGs consultant for major corporations, a government official of METI, a science educator as a JICA volunteer and secretary for a Diet member. He is currently in charge of the international strategy on climate change as a section chief in the Ministry of the Environment, coordinating and supporting the Bureau's projects from the grassroots level to the Minister level, that include a mission to review Japan's coal policy in taking a lead for public relations. As a climate negotiator, he is responsible for the negotiation agendas of transparency, technology, capacity building and ACE. He holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Ibaraki University, a master's degree in Global Politics from Ateneo de Manila University, and a master's degree in Environment, Development and Peace with a specialization in Environmental Security and Governance from the United Nations Mandated University for Peace.



Noor Hayati Uteh: Noor Hayati Uteh is the Head of Unit of the Educational Planning and Research Division of the Ministry of Education of Malaysia. Her roles include planning, coordinating and implementing educational programmes and activities such as Embedding GCED through Project-Based Learning and MAKMUR Project – a holistic model of child learning based on the Japanese concept Tokkatsu. She is also actively engaged in building the network Build network between the Ministry of Education with international/external agencies including ASEAN, ASEAN+3, UNICEF, APEC and UNESCO to ensure development plans are responsive to global events and priorities particularly the SDGs. She has a B.A. (Hons) in Language Studies from the University of Essex, UK and a Master of Educational Management from the University College of Dublin, Ireland.



Shinetsetseg Erdenebayer: Shinetsetseg Erdenebayer is a member of Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) in Mongolia. Foundation for Environmental Education is the world's largest environmental education organisation, with members in 77 countries. Through its five groundbreaking programmes, the Foundation empowers people to take meaningful and purposeful action to help create a more sustainable world. With members in 77 countries it is the world's largest environmental education organisation and through its five programmes it strives to make a difference every day. It is also recognised by UNESCO and UNEP as a world-leader within the fields of Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development.



Amanda Katili Niode: Amanda Katili Niode is the Manager of The Climate Reality Project Indonesia, part of a global organization that mainstreams the climate crisis and its solutions and actions. She previously held a position as the Head of the Expert Team at the Office of the President's Special Envoy for Climate Change in Indonesia and a Special Assistant to the Indonesian Minister of Environment. Amanda has been a member of the Indonesian Delegation to Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since COP 13 in Bali, 2007 up to COP 25 in Madrid, 2019. Amanda was Indonesia's National Focal Point for Article 6 UNFCCC (renamed to Action for Climate Empowerment). Amanda, an environmental management specialist, educator and writer, holds a PhD from the School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA. She received her undergraduate degree from the School of Natural Science and Technology, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia.



Nila Patty: Nila is an active member of ACE working group from YOUNGO. She is highly involved in the climate movements, zero waste actions and education on plastic pollution. She is the embodiment of "practice what you preach" because she has been living without waste since 2016. As the founder of Nonanoplastic and strategic initiative of Zero Waste Indonesia, she educates, informed, and creates a new trend among Indonesian Youth to take climate action from their own home by simple action like, stop using single-use plastic. She believes that everyone is a president, a minister and a conservationist of their own home. Therefore, your climate action can start there too.



Bonggeul Joo: Bonggeul Joo is Assistant Manager at the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco), a public agency under the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea. He's been engaged in the UNFCCC process since last year, in particular he is the ACE National Focal Point of the Republic of Korea and is following the capacity building and global stocktake issues as well.



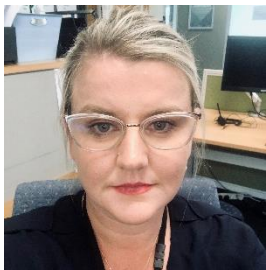
Munaza Hassan: Hon. Munaza Hassan started her political career in 1996 and joined Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), determined to change the status quo and end corruption. She is one of the earliest members of PTI and a member of the party's central executive and core committees. She is a seasoned politician, two times member national assembly of Pakistan and currently chairing the standing committee on climate change, women's parliamentary caucus and Public accounts sub-committee. She is also chairing steering committee CWP Asia region. Besides this she is also members of the very important Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. She is a renowned champion of gender equality and climate change.



Fairda Malem: Fairda Malem is the ACE National Focal Point for Thailand. She has a Ph.D. in Geochemistry from the Colorado School of Mines, USA. In addition, she holds a Master of Science in Environmental Technology and Management from Mahidol University in Thailand and has a Bachelor of Education in Mathematics and Chemistry from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. Since 1993, she has worked in the Department of Environmental Quality Promotion for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand.



Kartikeya V. Sarabhai: Kartikeya V. Sarabhai is an eminent environment educator and founder director of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), India, a national Centre of Excellence for EE. He has been working closely with UNESCO and was a member of the Reference Group for the Decade on Education for Sustainable Development and a Co-chair of Priority Action Area 1, Advancing Policy of the Global Action Programme on ESD of UNESCO. Mr. Sarabhai has been recognized globally for his pioneering work in EE and ESD with several national and international awards, including the International “Brandwein Medal”, the “Tree of Learning” award and the “Padma Shri” one of the India’s highest civilian awards. He has been involved in the development of innovative programmes for climate action including the concept of Handprint as positive action for sustainable development, the Science Express Climate Action Special, reviewing Indian traditions of climate friendly practises and several ground level activities aimed at enhancing water resilience of communities and adaptation measures for coastal areas. He has also been actively contributing towards Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) at UNFCCC through regular participation UNFCCC meetings and dialogues and coordination of global consultation on ACE.



Catrina Rowe: Cat Rowe is the Manager of Communications & Engagement at the New Zealand Ministry for the Environment. She is a climate advocacy, SDG engagement/reporting expert with a career focus on SIDS, and has worked with UNDP, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Cook Islands Government, and the New Zealand Aid Programme. She has advised the New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs on Pacific issues, and now leads work to communicate and engage the New Zealand public on environmental issues including the transition to a low emissions economy.



Susie Siew Yuen Ho: Dr. Ho is the Associate Dean (International) in the Faculty of Science at Monash University (Australia) and was the co-head of the university's delegation to COP25. She is a member of ECOS, a global coalition of community builders enhancing climate change education, communication, and outreach. One of ECOS' main objectives is to support parties' coordination with domestic networks of ACE actors for knowledge-sharing. She is also a co-investigator of the Monitoring and Evaluation of Climate Change Education Partnership Program (MECCE). Dr. Ho is passionate about supporting young leaders and change agents in the area of climate action and sustainability. She leads a diverse team to deliver the solutions-focused, interdisciplinary Master of Environment and Sustainability. She believes teaching and learning should develop students' capacity to enact positive change in society.



Pasang Dolma Sherpa: Pasang Dolma Sherpa, Executive Director of Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research & Development (CIPRED) has been working for more than a decade with Indigenous Peoples at the local, national and global levels for the promotion and recognition of Indigenous Peoples' traditional knowledge, cultural practices, skills and customary institutions that contributed for sustainable management of the natural resources, forest, ecosystem, biodiversity and climate change resilience. Ms. Sherpa has obtained her PhD at Kathmandu University in 2018 on climate change education and its interfaces with indigenous knowledge. She has already contributed more than dozens of research-based articles and book chapters in relation to indigenous peoples' issues and concerns both at national and international publications. Ms. Sherpa served for six years on the Participant Committee of Forest Carbon Partnership Facilities (FCPF), World Bank representing Indigenous Peoples from Asia and Pacific; she served on the Board of UN-REDD for four years and as Chair of International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) for two years. Presently, she is the Global Co-Chair of Facilitative Working Group of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples' Platform (LCIP) of the UNFCCC, Chair of Specialist Group on Indigenous Peoples' Customary and Environmental Laws and Human Rights (SPICEH) within Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) of IUCN and Steering Committee Member of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on World Heritage (IIPFWH), UNESCO. Dr. Sherpa served as member of the Working Group of Nepal's REDD Implementation Centre (RIC) for six years and is now an Expert Team Member of the National Coordination Committee of RIC, Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoFE) in Nepal and affiliated with different network and organizations both at national and global levels.



Philip Vaughter: Philip Vaughter joined the Education for Sustainable Development Programme at the United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) in Tokyo in 2015. The focus of his research activities is on action competence and behavior change in Education for Sustainable Development, especially within non-formal education for adults and public awareness campaigns. As part of the Education for Sustainable Development Programme, he actively works with the Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development, (Global RCE Network - <https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/rces-worldwide>) and the higher education alliance ProSPER.Net (Promoting Sustainability in Postgraduate Education and Research Network - <https://prospernet.ias.unu.edu/>).



Adriana Valenzuela: Adriana Valenzuela is the Focal Point for Education and Youth at the United Nations Climate Change. Adriana has extensive experience in working with the UN system, government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and youth organizations on sustainability, climate change and education, training and public awareness initiatives. She acted as a lead negotiator and Chair of the G/77 and China at the Climate Change negotiations on issues related to education. She is responsible for organizing the Education and Young and Future Generations Day at the Climate Change Conferences.