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**Part I: SPEAKERS**

**Lisa P. JACKSON**  
**Administrator, US EPA**

Administrator Lisa P. Jackson leads EPA's efforts to protect the health and environment for all Americans. She and a staff of more than 17,000 professionals are working across the nation to usher in a green economy, address health threats from toxins and pollution, and renew public trust in EPA's work.

As Administrator, Jackson has pledged to focus on core issues of protecting air and water quality, preventing exposure to toxic contamination in our communities, and reducing greenhouse gases. She has promised that all of EPA's efforts will follow the best science, adhere to the rule of law, and be implemented with unparalleled transparency.

Jackson is the first African-American to serve as EPA Administrator. She has made it a priority to focus on vulnerable groups including children, the elderly, and low-income communities that are particularly susceptible to environmental and health threats. In addressing these and other issues, she has promised all stakeholders a place at the decision-making table.

Before becoming EPA's Administrator, Jackson served as Chief of Staff to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and Commissioner of the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Prior to joining DEP, she worked for 16 years as an employee of the U.S. EPA.

Jackson is a summa cum laude graduate of Tulane University and earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University.

**Hon. (Prof) Margaret KAMAR**  
**Assistant Minister for Environment and Mineral Resources**

Professor Margaret Kamar is a well-known household name in Kenya, mainly because of her political career. She is the current Member of Parliament for Eldoret East constituency, following her election in 2007 on an Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) ticket. She also served as a nominated member of the East African Legislative Assembly from 2001 to 2006.

Politics aside, Prof Kamar is an achiever too in the area of academia, in her chosen field of soil science. She earned her PhD in soil and water conservation from the University of Toronto in 1992.

Her university teaching career has been entirely in Moi University, Eldoret. After her Masters in Agriculture from McGill University in 1986, she joined Moi University as a tutorial fellow, and from 1989 to 1999, rose up the ranks of assistant lecturer, lecturer and senior lecturer. In December 1999, Prof Kamar was appointed associate professor of soil science.

From 1997 to 2002, Prof Kamar was the principal of Moi University's Chepkoilel Campus after which she was appointed the University's Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Research and Extension, a position she held between 2002 and 2006.

**Heli Annikki SIRVE**

**Ambassador of Finland, Nairobi, Kenya**

Ms. Sirve is the current ambassador of Finland to Kenya. She holds a Master of Science (Human Nutrition), from the University of Helsinki.

She has a complementary training in political matters, development cooperation, leadership skills and administration throughout her working life.

She has extensive experience in Africa and the Middle East, in the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in New York, and at the Department of Development Cooperation of Finland.

**Negusu AKLILU (Advisory Group member)**

**Forum for Environment, Ethiopia**

Negusu Aklilu is Director of Forum for Environment in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He has been working as environmental campaigner for the last 15 years and has played a leading role in advocating for environmental rights in Ethiopia, including the rights of farmers. He led the successful campaign to save an elephant sanctuary from encroachment by a foreign investment and two campaigns in the run up to the Copenhagen Climate Conference in 2010. One is the *African Climate Appeal*, a politico-moral call by key African environmental activists initiated by Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai. The other campaign, *America, Take the Lead Now*, produced a petition signed by about 2 million Ethiopians to the US government.

Currently, Negusu co-chairs the Ethiopian Civil Society Network on Climate change comprising 55 organizations. He is a representative of civil society organizations in Ethiopia's National Environment Council. He has authored a number of articles on a range of environmental issues and serves as editor of a local environmental magazine, as well as co-editor of the new *Ethiopian Environment Review*. Having led many local campaigns in defense of the environment and social justice, his passion for these issues has expanded to other parts of Africa. Some of his other initiatives in Ethiopia include the national *Green Award Program*, the annual *Ethiopian Environment Review* and the new local *Green Tax* initiative. He was voted one of the 25 most influential Ethiopians in 2009/2010 by Addis Neger, Ethiopia's largest newspaper. He is trained in biology and ecology and later in Environmental Diplomacy at a UNEP/University of Geneva post-graduate course.

**Aron BELINKY**

**International Processes Coordinator, Vitae Civilis Institute**

Aron Belinky is the International Processes Coordinator of Vitae Civilis Institute, since June, 2009, when he started working with a broad Brazilian and international NGOs alliance as national coordinator of the Global Campaign for Climate Action in Brazil (TckTckTck campaign), focusing on UNFCCC COP15. He currently continues to collaborate on climate campaigns, while also coordinating the Institute's activities related to international processes, such as its partnership with the Green Economy Coalition and the Brazilian Civil society articulation towards UNCSD 2012, the Rio+20 Conference.

Aron is a consultant for sustainability, social responsibility and ethical consumption. He studied Geography at Sao Paulo University and Public Administration at Fundacao Getulio Vargas where his

Master's thesis was titled *Consumption, citizenship and the building of democracy in contemporary Brazil*.

Aron is co-founder and executive secretary of EcoPress – the first Brazilian environmental news agency – and of GAO, Group for Articulation of Brazilian NGOs in ISO 26000, the international standard on Social Responsibility. He is also a member of the Brazilian delegation in the ISO 26000 process, and since 2006 has served as an elected representative of developing countries NGOs on the technical committees drafting the standard and on its implementation follow-up committee.

Aron has been involved with social and environmental causes since 1976 and as well as EcoPress has taken part in the constitution of many other organizations and movements, including SOS Mata Atlantica Foundation and Pro-Jureia Association. Between 1986 and 1992, while working in his family's own company, he represented the Brazilian air conditioning industry at the international working group responsible for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Brazil, and took part in the Rio'92 Earth Summit presenting the Brazilian initiative for CFC recycling.

### **Martina BIANCHINI**

#### **Vice President, EU Government Affairs and Public Policy, The Dow Chemical Company**

Martina Bianchini is Vice President of EU Government Affairs & Public Policy for Dow and the Head of the company's EU Liaison Office in Brussels Belgium. In this capacity, she is shaping EU industry advocacy strategies on Dow's priority areas and ensures the consistent adoption of a transatlantic and global approach to chemicals management policies. A part of this strategy is to create an enabling policy framework for sustainable development and help the company achieve its 2015 sustainability goals. Her current policy areas are chemicals and health, sustainable chemistry and sustainable production and consumption. The latter being both an EU and UN process to accelerate the transition to better products, more innovative business models and lead markets for sustainability.

Prior to joining Dow in 2001, Martina worked 14 years in the private sector, both in the US and Europe on different assignments in Environmental, Regulatory, Public and Government Affairs and sustainability. Martina is a board member of SusChem, the European Union Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry; European Partners for the Environment, a former board member of Corporate Social Responsibility Europe and a member of the advisory council of the Kings Center for Risk Management. In 2008, she was awarded the title of Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Contemporary European Studies (ICES) of the European Business School London.

Martina holds a bachelor's degree in Earth Sciences from the University of Trier in Germany and a Master of Science in Environmental Sciences/Toxicology from Louisiana State University, USA.

### **Dr. Arthur DAHL (Advisory Group member)**

#### **International Environment Forum, Switzerland**

Arthur Dahl is a retired Deputy Assistant Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and Senior Advisor to the UNEP/University of Geneva Programme of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy and to an EU-funded project on values-based indicators of education for sustainable development. He is a consultant to UNEP and other international organizations on indicators of sustainability, environmental assessment and observing strategies, coral reefs, biodiversity, islands, environmental education, and social and economic development. A specialist on coral reefs and small island developing States (SIDS), he spent many years in the South Pacific and organized the Pacific Regional Environment Programme. He lectures widely, and has

published many scientific papers and books including: "*Island Directory*", "*Unless and Until: A Baha'i Focus on the Environment*" and "*The Eco Principle: Ecology and Economics in Symbiosis*".

**Felix DODDS**

**Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future, UK**

Felix Dodds is an author, futurist and activist. He has been instrumental in developing new modes of stakeholder engagement with the United Nations, particularly within the field of sustainable development. Mr. Dodds is the Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future. He is probably best known as the author of *How to Lobby at Intergovernmental Meetings: Mine is a Café Latte*, written with co-author Michael Strauss.

Dodds' most recent book, *Climate Change and Energy Insecurity* is an edited volume which he produced with Andrew Higham and Richard Sherman. The book is a companion book to the book *Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change* both argue that the new paradigm facing the world is the interface between environmental, human, economic security considerations. Dodds argues that this is due to the failure of developed countries to deliver on promises made during the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and the 2002 World Summit in Johannesburg.

*Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change* was nominated for the International Studies Association Sprout Award in 2006 for the most significant publication in the field of environmental studies.

**Mark HALLE**

**Director - Trade and Investment, and European Representative, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)**

Mark Halle began his career in the field of international negotiations, serving in the diplomatic secretariat of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. In that capacity, he was involved in the negotiation of the Barcelona Convention on the Mediterranean Environment, one of the first regional environmental conventions ever adopted. He then spent five years with UNEP, starting in the Policy Planning Unit and ending up working on the global State of the Environment report published ten years after UNEP's establishment. From UNEP, he worked with WWF and IUCN in writing the World Conservation Strategy, a document which fundamentally changed the way in which conservation of nature was approached, namely by abandoning the earlier notion that conservation and development were necessarily in opposition to one another and embracing the notion that they are essential components of sustainable development.

Halle then moved to WWF International, serving for three years as conservation assistant to HRH The Prince Phillip (the president of WWF) and helping to establish and direct the WWF program in China. He moved to IUCN in 1984 to establish the Conservation for Development Centre, IUCN's first move to involvement with the developing countries. For seven years, he worked in, and directed, this Centre, establishing the foundation for what is now an extensive worldwide IUCN presence. Halle then spent a further three years setting up IUCN's fundraising system, and a final four years establishing its Global Policy and Partnerships program. Since his departure from IUCN, he has worked for the International Institute for Sustainable Development, both as its European Representative and as its Global Director for Trade and Investment. In this capacity he supervises a team of twenty-five professionals based in Europe and around the world.

Halle lectures, writes and publishes frequently on issues relating to sustainable development and to multilateral trade policy. He is founder and former Chairman of the Board of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development.

**Talaibek MAKEEV**

**Executive Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)**

He has started his professional carrier in the National Academy of Science of Kyrgyzstan in 1989, spending 5 consecutive years in natural disasters' researches, those focusing on their forecast and mapping, adapting the methodology of their direct and indirect social and economic impact assessment.

The research area and background were the reason of the invitation to the Ministry of Emergencies and Civil Defense, where the main focus of his activity was a resource mobilization for donor funded development projects.

Since then he positions himself as a specialist in the field of Development with already 16-years of experience, more than decade of which was an international, obtained through a diplomatic post in the Embassy of Kyrgyzstan in Kuala-Lumpur, through Environmental Programme's cluster manager position in UNDP Kyrgyzstan and the post of the Executive Director in the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC).

An in depth knowledge of the Central Asian region both in environmental challenges and related political processes, vast experience in catalyzing and convening policy dialogues in and for Central Asian countries within Pan-European and Asian-Pacific processes on environment and development are featuring his professional expertise.

**Lorna OMUODO**

**Vanilla Development Foundation (VDF), Kenya**

Ms. Lorna Omuodo has a BA degree in Sociology from Punjab University, India and is the Founder and Programme Director of Vanilla Development Foundation (VDF): She has held various consultancy and senior programme development positions, administration and training tasks both in Government and international development organizations prior setting up VDF in 2005.

In its first project VDF developed rural farmer's capacity towards bio fuel production using Jatropha as a candidate crop for Kenya's clean energy security and bio energy needs. The organization trains farmers on all activities along the bio fuel production value chain from the production of feedstock to the production of bio fuels. She has now embarked on a major pilot project of a profit driven business model to build on systems that utilize the bio-ethanol to create domestic savings and create small business retailing of ethanol canister stoves and bottled branded stoves. The concept is borrowed from Luxury boats in Sweden but harnessed to suitability in African cuisine and lifestyle cooking mainly from Kerosene in per urban rural towns in Kenya with low disposable incomes.

Using her 24 years senior management and programme development skills, she currently provides technical advice to private sector, non-governmental and research organizations, to unlock the social entrepreneurship edge in bio-fuel business in Africa.

Lorna Omuodo has worked hard to create innovations in bio-ethanol and worked with local manufacturers to make the innovations a reality by creating Kenya's first ethanol cook stove and branded portable ethanol fuel to trade as Moto Baraka & Moto E 100 fuel.

**Anabella ROSEMBERG**

**Policy Officer on Occupational Health and Safety, Environment and Sustainable Development,  
International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)**

Mrs Rosemberg has coordinated the international trade union movement's input to major environmental intergovernmental processes, notably the UNFCCC, since 2007. She also acts as a liaison contact point between UNEP's Green Economy work and the trade union movement. Before joining the ITUC, she has worked for non-governmental organisations, in the area of democracy and human rights.

Born in 1980, in the Argentinean Patagonia, she holds a Masters' Degree on Development Studies, *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris*.

**Christine von WEIZSÄCKER (Advisory Group member)  
ECOROPA, Germany**

Christine von Weizsäcker, a biologist, is the author of many contributions to the scientific and public debates on technology assessment. Her special emphasis has been on nuclear energy and modern biotechnology. Since the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (1992) she has been a leading figure in negotiations of international environmental agreements, in particular the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Christine von Weizsäcker was Lecturer of the Year 1998 of the National Association for Science, Technology and Society, USA, and received the Immanuel Kant Global Citizen Award in 2006. She serves on a number of boards and advisory committees on environmental, agricultural, consumer and sustainability policy and is president of the European Network Ecoropa.

## Part II: UNEP SPEAKERS

### **Achim Steiner**

#### **UNEP Executive Director, United Nations Under-Secretary General, and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi**

Acting on the nomination of Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the UN General Assembly unanimously elected Achim Steiner as the Executive Director of UNEP on 16 March 2006 for a four-year term, effective 15 June 2006. He becomes the fifth Executive Director in UNEP's history. Effective 1 March 2009, Achim was also appointed Director-General of the UN Offices at Nairobi (UNON).

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 22 April 2010, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, re-elected Mr. Achim Steiner as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for another four-year term of office beginning on 15 June 2010 and ending on 14 June 2014.

Before joining UNEP, Achim served as Director General IUCN from 2001 to 2006. IUCN is widely regarded as one of the most influential and highly respected organizations in the field of conservation, environment and natural resources management. He held responsibility for the management and oversight of 1,000 staff located in 42 countries.

His professional track record in the fields of sustainable development policy and environmental management, his first-hand knowledge of civil society, governmental and international organizations, as well as his global experience spanning five continents, make him an excellent choice to lead the United Nations Environment Programme.

His professional career has included assignments with governmental, non-governmental and international organizations in different parts of the world. In Washington, where he was Senior Policy Advisor of IUCN's Global Policy Unit, he led the development of new partnerships between the environment community, the World Bank and the United Nations system. In Southeast Asia he worked as Chief Technical Advisor on a programme for the sustainable management of Mekong River watersheds and community-based natural resources management. In 1998 he was appointed Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams, based in South Africa, where he managed a global programme of work to bring together the public sector, civil society and the private sector in a global policy process on dams and development.

He worked both at grassroots level as well as at the highest levels of international policy-making to address the interface between environmental sustainability, social equity and economic development.

Achim, a German national, was born in Brazil in 1961, where he lived for ten years. His educational background includes a BA from the University of Oxford as well as an MA from the University of London with specialization in development economics, regional planning, and international development and environment policy. He also studied at the German Development Institute in Berlin as well as the Harvard Business School.

He serves on a number of international advisory boards, including the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED).

**Tomoko NISHIMOTO**  
**Director, Division of Regional Cooperation, UNEP**

Ms. Tomoko Nishimoto joined UNEP in May 2010 as the Director of the Division of Regional Cooperation (DRC) with over 24 years of experience in sustainable development. Her UN experience is wide in scope having served in 7 different countries throughout Africa and the Caribbean. Her professional assignments include working with UNDP for 18 years and 5 years with UNICEF. Most recently, Tomoko was the UNDP Country Director in Kenya from 2008-2010 and prior to that the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Ethiopia from 2001-2005.

She has vast experience in managing large-scale development assistance programmes with annual budgets of up to US\$40million. Tomoko has provided guidance to a wide variety of projects in areas such as poverty reduction, environment and energy, water and sanitation, disaster risk reduction, sustainable livelihoods, food security, good governance, HIV/AIDS, gender, among others. She is a trained facilitator on the human rights based approach to programming.

Her experience of UN collaboration is deep and diverse, having worked as a member of UN Country Teams since 1984, as well as chairing a number of inter-agency task forces. She has a solid record of resource mobilization and has managed funding from various bilateral and multi-lateral development partners.

She celebrates the opportunity to continue to work with and manage diverse functional groups across a wide spectrum of programmes and operations, including programme management, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, human resource management and communications. She has also worked extensively with civil society organizations throughout her career.

Tomoko is a Japanese national and holds a BA from Kobe University in Kobe, Japan, and a Masters degree in International Relations from the Graduate School of Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

**Dr. Bradnee CHAMBERS**  
**Senior Legal Officer and Chief of Policy and Interlinkages between the MEAs, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP**

Dr. Bradnee Chambers is the Senior Legal Officer and Chief of Policy and Interlinkages between the Multilateral Environmental Agreement in UNEP's Division of Environmental Law and Conventions. Most of his current work is currently as IEG Teams Leader and he directs UNEP's work on institutional reform of international environmental governance for the Consultative Group of Ministers or their High-level representative on International Environmental Governance.

From 1994-1995 he worked at the Transnational Corporation Division of UNCTAD (Geneva) working on developing investment rules transparency in developing countries in Asia. From 1996-2008 he worked for the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) where he served in various capacities including the Institute's Legal Advisor and as a Senior Researcher. He has participated in a numerous diplomatic, academic and international conferences including Conference of the Parties and Subsidiary Body Meetings for UNFCCC and CBD, WTO Ministerials, CSD and as representative in the UN Environment Management Group.

He was a Convening Lead Author in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and Global Environmental Outlook 4 (GEO4) and is a Senior Legal Research Fellow at the Centre for



International Sustainable Development Law at the University McGill in Montreal Canada. He has been a visiting professor at University of Tokyo and Chuo University.

Dr. Chambers is specialized in public international law and international relations and works on environmental treaty, governance and international economic legal issues. He holds both an LLM in International Law and a MA in International Relations and a PHD in International Law from the University of Edinburgh. He approaches his work from a law and governance perspective. He Chambers has widely published and his current books include *Interlinkages and the Effectiveness of MEAs* (2008), *Institutional Interplay: The Case of Biosafety* (co-edited with Oran Young et al., 2008), *WTO and Development: Policy Perspectives* (co-edited Gary P. Sampson, 2008).

**Dr. Steven STONE**

**Chief, Economics and Trade Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, UNEP**

Steven Stone is the Chief of UNEP's Geneva-based Economics and Trade Branch. Dr. Stone holds a PhD in Resource Economics from Cornell University and has more than 15 years of professional experience in environmental and natural resource management.

Prior to his position with UNEP, Dr. Stone worked for the Inter-American Development Bank in Ecuador as a Senior Environmental Specialist, and in Honduras as IADB's Country Representative. Dr. Stone has also worked in Jamaica and Brazil on large scale capacity building, technical assistance and investment projects in areas related to natural resources management.

**Michele CANDOTTI**

**Principal Advisor to the Executive Director and Head of the Office for Policy and Inter-Agency Affairs (OPIA), UNEP**

Michele Candotti, who will be joining us from 1 December 2010 as the new Principal Advisor to the Executive Director and Head of the Office for Policy and Inter-Agency Affairs (OPIA).

Michele brings to UNEP over 25 years of international professional experience in the fields of development cooperation, programme & policy management and the environment, as well as a strong commitment to environmental sustainability.

Michele has work experience in international organizations and in the non-governmental sector. He began his professional career as a Research Officer at a Regional Centre for Agriculture Research in Italy between 1984 and 1986 after which he joined the European Commission and posted in Zambia until 1988. He was subsequently appointed Coordinator of the European Commission's Micro-projects Programme in Zambia until 1991.

As Adviser to the National Authorising Officer of the European Development Fund (EDF), initially in Zambia from 1988 and 1994 and later in Kenya, between 1994 and 2000, he was responsible to ensure coordination of the EDF Country Programme and the liaison between the European Commission and the Governments of Zambia and Kenya. He joined WWF Italy towards the end of 2000 as a Regional Secretary in Northern Italy. He was appointed Secretary-General and later as Director-General of WWF Italy in 2003. He held this position for seven years until his appointment to UNEP.

Michele holds a University Degree in Agriculture Sciences from the Catholic University in Italy and is an Italian national.

**Fatoumata KEITA-OUANE**

**Chief, Early Warning and Assessment Branch, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP**

Fatoumata Keita-Ouane is a scientist who holds a degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences and an advanced degree in Toxicology from the “Université Catholique de Louvain”, Belgium. She is Senior Scientific Affairs Officer at the Stockholm Convention Secretariat and is lead responsible for technical and scientific issues under the Convention.

A UNEP staff since 1987, she previously worked as consultant for WHO Division of Pharmaceuticals and UNEP/IRPTC. Before joining the Stockholm Convention Secretariat in August 2006, she was responsible at UNEP Chemicals branch for chemical management capacity building, particularly in African countries where she initiated activities to promote chemical safety and preparedness for the negotiations of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; she was also responsible for interagency-coordination and knowledge sharing between OECD and Non OECD countries. During this time she has always been intimately involved in the development of the international chemical agenda and the establishment of intergovernmental fora such as the Intergovernmental Forum for Chemical Safety (IFCS).

Fatoumata Keita-Ouane is a citizen of Mali, mother of two. Among other values she believes in justice, excellence and tolerance, managing today to build tomorrow.

**Alexander Juras**

**Chief, Major groups and Stakeholders Branch, Division of Regional Cooperation, UNEP**

Alexander Juras, previously the Deputy Director of UNEP's Division for GEF Coordination is currently the Chief of UNEP's Major Group and Stakeholder Branch that is in charge of enhancing engagement and collaboration of UNEP with major groups actors who share the same purpose around the world, involving them at the policy level to take into account their expertise and views, and on the programmatic level in implementation of UNEP's work program.

Before joining UNEP, he worked as a research fellow at the Bonn based Institute for European Environmental Policy, then for many years as the Deputy Director of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, in Szentendre Hungary and as the Deputy Director of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia, located in Almaty Kazakhstan. Besides organizational management, his work focused on civil society development and multi stakeholder involvement in environmental matters, environmental information, development and administration of grants programs for various stakeholders and regional and global environmental cooperation.

<b>Part III: LEAD FACILITATOR</b>
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**Gillian MARTIN MEHERS**

**Facilitator, Bright Green Learning**

Gillian Martin Mehers is a learning and capacity development practitioner working within the global sustainability community for 19 years. She is currently Founding Director at Bright Green Learning (Atadore SARL). Clients have included: IUCN (Secretariat Programme teams and relationship partners including Shell, Holcim, Nespresso, Rio Tinto, and International Council on Mining and Metals), UNEP (Economics and Trade Branch), UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production, UN Ramsar Convention, Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, The Green Economy Coalition, GTZ Climate

Protection Programme, Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD – Africa, Europe and International), World Water Council and World Water Forum, Countdown 2010, The Nature Conservancy, and others.

Gillian's expertise is in creating dynamic experiential learning environments, facilitating productive multi-stakeholder dialogue processes, interactive learning design, social media applications for communication and learning, and innovative curriculum and training materials development. She was formerly the Head of Learning and Leadership at IUCN - The International Union for the Conservation of Nature - which is the world's oldest and largest global environmental network. Working from IUCN's international headquarters outside Geneva, Gillian lead the team that designed and delivered a wide variety of formal and informal learning opportunities for IUCN teams and partners, focused on process and leadership skills development for greatest impact of IUCN's sustainability work. Gillian was also the lead Process Facilitator in IUCN's organizational development and change process, which focused on strengthening organizational effectiveness.

Prior to IUCN, Gillian was the Director of Capacity Development at LEAD International (Leadership for Environment and Development) in LEAD's London Headquarters. There she developed LEAD's signature capacity development methodology and portfolio of leadership skills. She also designed and implemented LEAD's International Training curriculum for seven years with a global team of trainers. During her time with LEAD, she collaborated with the British Council InterAction Leadership Programme in Africa on curriculum design, developing the training-of-facilitator programme, and working with a team to train the first cohort of national facilitators from 18 countries in Africa. Before LEAD she was a capacity development Programme Manager at the International Academy of the Environment (IAE) in Geneva where she ran a five-year capacity development programme for multi-stakeholder teams in environmental hot spots in the Middle East and North Africa with GTZ, and the World Bank and UNDP's Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Programme.

Gillian is a Certified Professional Facilitator (CPF), a leadership skills trainer, and has developed and implemented training-of-trainers activities internationally. With a particular passion for working interculturally, she is the co-author of *Training Across Cultures: A Handbook for Trainers and Facilitators Working Around the World*, and has worked in this capacity in over 45 countries, from Armenia to Zambia. She has recently completed a book that she co-authored with Dennis Meadows and Linda Booth Sweeney titled, *The Systems Thinking Playbook for Climate Change*, produced with support from GTZ (to be published in 2011). She is a blogger for *Bright Green Learning: You Learn Something New Every Day* ([www.welearnsomething.org](http://www.welearnsomething.org)). This blog focuses on tips and tools for institutional learning and personal effectiveness, particularly focused on the sustainable development community.