

## List of participants for the “Workshop on achieving environmental sustainability for sustainable development”

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1. **H.E. Mr. Edgar Gutiérrez Espeleta** (21 July opening only)  
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Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law
  6. **Mr. Thomas McInerney** (21 July only)  
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Founder, Treaty Effectiveness Initiative
  7. **Mr. Adil Najam** (22 July only)  
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  9. **Ms. Michelle Scobie**  
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## Bios for the participants in the “Workshop on achieving environmental sustainability for sustainable development”

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**Elliott Harris** is a UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of UNEP since April 2015. Prior to joining UNEP in 2013 as Director of NY Office and of the Secretariat of the Environment Management Group (EMG), he worked as an Economist in the IMF from 1988 to 2013, gaining extensive policy and programmatic experience in African and Central Asian countries, as well as in the Fiscal Affairs Department on public expenditure policy issues. From 2002, Mr. Harris served as Advisor and Assistant Director in the IMF’s Strategy, Policy and Review Department, including as Chief of the Development Issues Division. From 2008 until 2012, he was also the IMF’s Special Representative to the UN, and was closely involved in interagency collaboration in the areas of social protection, the green economy, and fiscal space for social policy. From 2009 until 2013, he was the Vice Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programs (HLCP) of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

**Maria Ivanova** is an international relations and environmental policy scholar specializing in governance and sustainability. She works on global environmental governance, US environmental policy, financing for the environment and the performance of international environmental institutions. Her academic work has been recognized for bringing analytical rigor and innovative input to the international negotiations on reforming the UN system for environment. As associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Boston and director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability, she co-leads a U.S. National Science Foundation project on Coasts and Communities. She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the UN Secretary-General, a Board member of the UN University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and the Ecologic Institute in Berlin, and an Andrew Carnegie Fellow.

**Norichika Kanie** is a professor at the Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, and a Senior Research Fellow at United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). Before joining Keio, he worked at the Tokyo Institute of Technology and The University of Kitakyushu. From August 2009 to July 2010 he was a visiting professor at SciencesPo, Paris. His research focuses on global environmental governance and sustainability, and was the project leader of a research project on Sustainable Development Goals (with a total budget USD 2,000,000/year, FY2013-FY2015) funded by the Ministry of Environment, Japan. He is a scientific steering group member of Earth System Governance project (core project of Future Earth), and co-chair of the Working Party on Climate, Investment and Development at OECD. He is leading SDG Knowledge Action Network of Future Earth. He received his Ph.D. in Media and Governance from the Keio University.

**Sebastian König** holds a MSc in Climatology and Meteorology from the University of Bern, Switzerland. He was a research and teaching fellow at the University of Massachusetts, USA where he acquired a Ph.D. in Geosciences with a focus on global climate modeling. He was also affiliated to the Business School (entrepreneurship) and was trained at Cornell University, USA in (project) management. Returning to Switzerland, he worked at the Federal Office for Meteorology and Climatology in international affairs as a manager of large-scale capacity building projects worldwide and served as a policy advisor on affairs of the World Meteorological Organization. He joined the Federal Office for the Environment in 2015 where he has been serving as a senior policy advisor on UNEP affairs and international sustainable development.

**Faye Leone** is the content editor for Sustainable Development Policy & Practice, a daily publication and knowledgebase on the global sustainable development agenda ([sd.iisd.org](http://sd.iisd.org)). She also contributes regularly to IISD’s Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB). Faye’s prior experience includes: leading campaigns to improve UN elections and appointments, including of the UN Secretary-General; advocating for UN reform in such areas as gender architecture, environmental governance, and Security Council membership; researching conflict resolution traditions and training young community leaders on

the Thai-Burma border in conflict management and consensus decision-making; and various policy, communications, research and advocacy work with the Global Reporting Initiative, UNDP, the Global Sourcing Council, Oxfam International and Refugees International.

**Thomas F. McInerney** is Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. He is also the founder of the Treaty Effectiveness Initiative, which provides research, publications, training, and policy advice to improve the performance of multilateral treaties and international organizations. As a private attorney, he counsels multilateral organizations, treaty secretariats, international NGOs, and governments on organizational governance, regulatory and contractual matters, treaty management, international law, and development. Currently, he is a member of the Expert Group on the Impact Assessment of the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Previously, he served as General Counsel and Secretary and later Director of Research, Policy, and Strategic Initiatives for the International Development Law Organization. His writing and speeches concern international law, global governance, regulation, and international development. Most recently, he is the author of *Strategic Treaty Management: Practice and Implications* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

**Elizabeth Maruma Mrema** is the Director of the Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (DELIC), and has worked with UNEP for over two decades. Prior to joining DELIC in her current role in 2014, she was the Deputy Director to the Division of Policy Implementation (DEPI) in charge of coordination, operations and programme delivery. Before joining UNEP, Elizabeth worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOF&IC) of the United Republic of Tanzania and left as a Counsellor/Senior Legal Counsel. During her time with the MOF&IC, she was also a lecturer in Public International Law and Conference Diplomacy at Tanzania's Centre for Foreign Relations and Diplomacy. Currently, she is a visiting lecturer at the University of Nairobi & Kenyatta University Law Schools and in the past at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Rome, Italy.

**Adil Najam** is the inaugural Dean of the Pardee School of Global Affairs at Boston University, where he also serves as a Professor of International Development and of Earth and Environment. He is the former Vice Chancellor of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (Pakistan). Dr. Najam was a lead author for the Third and Fourth Assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). In 2008 he was invited by the UN Secretary-General to serve on the UN Committee on Development (CDP). In 2010 he was awarded the *Sitara-i-Imtiaz* (Star of Excellence), one of Pakistan's highest civil awards by the President of Pakistan. He is the author of over 100 scholarly papers and over a dozen books, including *Global Environmental Governance: A Reform Agenda* (2006). A past winner of MIT's Goodwin Medal for Effective Teaching and the Fletcher School Paddock Teaching Award, Dr. Najam serves on the International Board of WWF and is the Board Chair of the South Asia Network of Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE).

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**Helge Elisabeth Zeitler** is currently leading the team working on international environmental governance in the Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission. She is the focal point for relations with UNEP and was the EU negotiator for the the Agenda 2030 resolution at UNEA 2. Prior to her current post, she worked for the UN in Tanzania at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Commission's Justice Department, mainly on environmental crime, and the German Foreign Ministry. She holds law degrees from Germany and the US.

**Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy** currently is a PhD Candidate in Global Governance and Human Security and Research Associate for the Center for Governance and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Her research focuses on the role of global environmental conventions in protecting the environment and the implementation of environmental and sustainable development goals. She previously worked for several public administrations and for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Colombia. Since 2009 she works for Universidad EAFIT in Medellín (Colombia), where she led a research project on the role of biodiversity in developing countries foreign policies. She joined the Center for Governance and Sustainability as research associate in 2011. She has a BA in International Business from Universidad EAFIT (Colombia) and a MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.