

### **Fr. Odomaro Mubangizi, S.J.**

Father Odomaro is a catholic priest and member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) Coordinator for Ethiopia. He is Dean of Philosophy Department at the Institute of Philosophy and Theology in Addis Ababa and Editor of Justice, Peace and Environment Bulletin.



He is also Director of Pedro Paez Center that deals with issues of social justice and the environment. He did his doctorate at Boston College and wrote his dissertation on Linking Development and Peace: *Towards a Normative Theory of International Relations for the Great Lakes Region of Africa*.

He helped to establish Pope Francis Botanical Garden in Addis Ababa.

### **Mussie Hailu**

Ambassador Mussie Hailu is a peace-building professional working for peace, reconciliation, interfaith harmony, disarmament, teaching of the Golden Rule, world citizenship, right human relationships, and international cooperation for the preservation of the environment. He considers himself a Citizen of the World, believing strongly in the inter-dependence of human beings.



He celebrates cultural diversity, seeing the differences in race, ethnicities, religions, politics, and nationalities as important elements of the one and indivisible humanity. He has served many national and international organizations, Amb. Mussie also served as Diplomat in the rank of Ambassador and Special Envoy of the President. Currently he serves as URI Director of Global Partnerships, URI Representative at the United Nations and the African Union, and URI-Africa Regional Director.

### **Clara Makenya**

Clara is the National Coordinator and representative for the UN Environment Program in Tanzania. She has over 15 years of experience in strategic management and coordination roles within and outside the UN system. Clara holds a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry and a Master's degree in Dryland Biodiversity.



While working with UNEP, Clara has collaborated with different partners and stakeholders including UN sister organizations, government ministries, departments, and agencies, as well as NGOs and the private sectors to influence the environmental agenda in Tanzania and beyond.

Prior to working with the UN, Clara worked with World Vision Australia and Tanzania for 7 years. Her main role was to manage sustainable and transformational development programs, while managing donor partnerships in Australia, as well as enhancing implementation of the programs in developing countries including Tanzania, Somalia, and Chad.

### **Julien Le Tellier**



Julien has joined the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) – Barcelona Convention Secretariat in Athens, Greece, in 2017, as Officer in charge of Socio-Economic Affairs. This position follows his long engagement at the Plan Bleu/Regional Activity Centre (UNEP/MAP) in Marseille, France (2009-2017). At UNEP/MAP, Julien ensures secretariat services of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), including the organization of the biannual meetings of this advisory body. He is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD). He is also involved in the preparation of MAP assessments studies on the Environment and Development.

In 2016-2017, in addition to activities aiming to develop a Science-Policy Interface on Climate and Environmental Change in the Mediterranean, Julien managed the pilot edition of the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism of National Strategies for Sustainable Development, as a contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2010-2016, Julien brought substantive contributions to several EU policy-oriented research projects, addressing territorial governance through participatory approaches, aiming at bridging the gap between scientists and decision-makers (stakeholder dialogue) towards adaptive policies for a better management of human activities affecting the coastal and marine ecosystems of the Mediterranean.

### **Carla Milan-Chehab**



Carla Milan-Chehab is the President of the Agricultural Development Committee at the Lebanese Maronite League since August 2019. She served as Elected member of the Executive Board of the Maronite League for two consecutive mandates from 2013-2106 and from 2016-2019.

Mrs. Chehab has several voluntary activities namely the Founder and President of Saint-Vincent de Paul Association, Saint Joseph branch – Ghazir, Lebanon (1997 – 2009). She is also the Founder of the dispensary of Saint-Vincent de Paul Association, Saint Joseph branch – Ghazir, in 2005, a Former member of Office-Joie association and a Former President of Mid-East Leo Club. She has been nominated as member of the Cultural Committee & heritage dialogue between Religions of the Maronite League from 2011 – 2013. Mrs. Chehab holds a Bachelor of law from Saint-Joseph University – Faculty of law & Political Sciences and the “Institut supérieur de la Sagesse pour l’enseignement du droit (I.S.S.E.D)”.

### **Lara Hanna-Wakim**



Lara Hanna-Wakim is the Vice-Director for the Higher Center for Research at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) in Lebanon since September 2019. She served as Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik from 2013-2019.

She is the first scientist to represent the MENA Region as a regular member at the Governing Council of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) since 2014. Dr. Hanna-Wakim is serving as Senior International Officer (SIO) at the Academy of Leaders in International Higher Education (AIEA), Duke University, North Carolina, USA.

She is the National Coordinator in Lebanon for the “Faith for Earth Initiative” at the UNEP and has served as Focal Point for Lebanon of the Arab States Green University Network (ASGUN) at UNEP, and the National Food Safety Expert at UNIDO.

She’s nominated by the Lebanese Minister of Education and Higher Education as National Contact Point (NCP) for “Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials” for the EU Commission within Horizon 2020 Framework Programs. She has been honored, at the Lebanese Parliament, as Women Leader in Lebanese Universities and Research Pioneers, by the National Initiative for the Centennial of Greater Lebanon.

She has been honored as well by the Lebanese Minister of Agriculture to acknowledge her major accomplishments and outstanding leadership and performance, and for obtaining the American accreditation ABET for the Diploma of Agricultural Engineering at the faculty, the first in the MENA region. Dr. Hanna-Wakim holds a PhD in Food Process Engineering from AgroParis Tech (Paris, France), an MS in Quality Assurance from INAP-G (Paris, France), an Agricultural Engineering Diploma from USEK (Lebanon), an MS in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education from Norwich University (USA) and an MA/PG Diploma in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education from University of Chester (UK).

### **Nora Isayan**



Nora is the Regional Public Information Officer in UN Environment Programme, West Asia. Mrs. Isayan has over 14 years of experience in communication, media and donor relations cutting across various sectors. In 2005, she started her career in communication in the private sector in Jordan, which is when her passion for humanitarian and development assistance was born, after volunteering for several NGOs in the Kingdom.

In 2009, her passion landed her in the Jordan River Foundation, where she was responsible for Programme Development for the largest child safety programme in Jordan. The mobilized funds also included projects that assisted refugees who had fled the conflict in Iraq, among other developmental interventions.

In 2012, Nora joined the Office of the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Jordan, where she was responsible for leading the development and implementation of the UN Country Team’s communication strategies. With the onset of the Syria crisis, her role developed and included inter-agency coordination in communication and media activities related to the humanitarian crisis. During the same period, Nora led the UN Communication Group, bringing together the communication focal points of the 17 UN agencies in Jordan, achieving substantive progress in strengthening the “One UN” image in the country.

### **Vladimir Moshkalo**



Head of the UN Environment Programme Russia Office. Based in Moscow, Russia. A geographer by background and holds a Master's degree in Geography from the M.V.Lomonosov Moscow State University and a Master's degree in Environmental Management from the European Postgraduate Course in Environmental Management – a joint course of the four Dutch Universities: Amsterdam University, Amsterdam Free University, Leiden University, and Wageningen Agricultural University.

Vladimir has accumulated 30 years of work experience including working for Soviet and then Russian State Environmental Protection authorities: USSR State Committee for Nature Protection and then Russian Ministry of Environmental Protection where he was involved in international multilateral nature conservation co-operation. Throughout his career he has maintained active relationship with UN Programmes and Agencies, other international organizations, international financial institutions and major international conservation secretariats (CBD, CITES, Ramsar, Bonn and Bern Conventions).

From 1995 till 2010 he was working for the IUCN as the Head of Sub-regional Office for Russia and CIS where he led development and implementation of Sub-regional Programme as a part of the IUCN Pan-European Programme. His areas of work and expertise during this period concentrated on Forest Conservation; ECONET and Protected Areas, Rare and Endangered Species, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, Arctic Ecosystem, Conservation and Sustainable Use of Mountains, and Sustainable Fishery and Public Support for Conservation Initiatives.

### **Irene Ojuok**



Irene Ojuok is an Environmentalist passionate in transforming lives and landscapes through restoration and livelihoods strengthening efforts. Currently Environment and Climate Change advisor and Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) expert in Kenya working in World Vision Kenya for the past 9 years.

Acknowledged as tree ambassador by Total Eco Challenge – 2016. Member of national and global networks on Environment and Climate Change. Supported documentation of best practices including FMNR on WOCAT platform.

She believes in Mahatma Gandhi quote “I am the source of change I want to become”.

### **Stefanie Holzwarth**





Stefanie is working as an Associate Human Settlements Officer at the Urban Mobility Unit in UN-Habitat. She is trained in urban planning and has been working on sustainable mobility projects for the last 5 years, providing technical advice, knowledge and advocacy to governments around the world.

In her work, she supports broad consultation processes of stakeholders to develop mobility strategies that are adapted to local needs, avails international expertise and best practices, and is also involved in capacity building, training events and city-to-city exchanges.

### **Pastor Jack O. Ogeda**



Pastor Jack is a theologian and a community worker. He studied community development before doing his B.Th (Bachelor of Theology) in Bugema University, Uganda. He holds a Master of Arts in Biblical studies New Testament theology from the Africa International University (NEGST) in Nairobi, Kenya.

He's also a ordained gospel minister, serving as a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He represents S.D.A Church at the Inter religious Council of Kenya (I.R.C.K) as a commissioner in the department of Climate and Environment. He has served as a pastor for over ten year now in Naivasha, Nakuru, and currently in Nairobi. He strongly feels and believes that all people including the Church should be seriously concerned about climatic change and effectively participate in reversing the trend.

### **Rozilla Odhiambo**



Program Manager for Environment and Climate Change at ACRL-RfP whose mandate in 'obedience to God', is to generate interfaith space, create platforms and networks for actors and different faiths to deliver common actions in the promotion of Peace and sustainable development of all the people of Africa.

Rozilla has worked for various Community Based Organizations (CBO) funded by USAID/PLAN and FAO/KARI on climate change and Adaptation within Siaya County, Kenya. She also worked in Siaya County for a Water and sanitation project promoting drought tolerant crops and initiated a community village food bank funded by CDTF/DANIDA flood proof program.

I have a passion for the Environment which I feel should be managed strategically.

### **Francesca Calisesi**



Francesca Calisesi is an Associate Officer of the Solid Waste Management Unit, at the Urban Basic Services Branch of United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, in Nairobi, Kenya.

She has been with Solid Waste Management Unit since December 2018, supporting the development and piloting of the methodology of the waste Sustainable Development Goal indicator 11.6.1 (percentage of municipal solid waste regularly collected and managed in controlled facilities, out of the total solid waste generated by the city). She is also part of the team leading the Waste Wise Cities Campaign, a call to action to support local governments worldwide, to establish the foundation and put in place sustainable municipal solid waste management.

Before joining UN-Habitat, Francesca has worked in the field of sustainable development and natural resource management in Ethiopia and Zambia.

### **Hellen Wangechi Mugo**



Hellen is currently the Deputy Executive Director and Country Director of CYNESA Kenya. She runs the Kenyan chapter of CYNESA and supports CYNESA's programmes (Formation and Awareness Creation, Networking and Advocacy Training & Encouraging and Supporting Concrete Action Plans at the local level) across the other 8 Chapters. Hellen advocates for the full involvement of young people in environmental work, including addressing climate change and its effects, and youth action to address environmental degradation.

Hellen is a member of the Steering Group of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD), representing Faith-based Organizations. She believes that faith institutions and faith leaders have a huge role to play in influencing and effecting positive change for sustainable development of humanity. She is keen on all-inclusive and sustainable development of Africa & the world at large.

### **Linda Khasabuli**



Linda is an intern at UNEP, Regional Office for Africa, under healthy and productive ecosystems unit. She is a Christian and holds a master's degree in Development Studies from the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi and a bachelor's degree in Education (arts). She has previously been involved in conducting field research on different subjects in the social science field. In addition, she has worked as a Geography and French teacher for 2 years. Currently, she is working to publish an article on her research project entitled "Access to Forest Products and Support for Conservation". She resides in Nairobi and can be contacted through [linda.tutu81@gmail.com](mailto:linda.tutu81@gmail.com).

### **Najat Abdi**



Country Director for Global One Kenya, overseeing achievement of the organization's vision and mission of women empowerment in the horn of Africa. She has worked with Global One Kenya since 2014 and has over 10 years experience of working in development and humanitarian sectors in Ethiopia and Kenya with Save the Children and ACPA.

Her passion is improving women empowerment and Gender Equality. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Educational Planning and Management from St Merry University of Ethiopia and a Diploma in Education from Kagumo Teachers College of Kenya. She has taught at Moyale Boys Secondary school for two years before embarking on her NGO career.

### **Wambui Ngige**



Is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and is based in Nairobi, Kenya. Wambui mobilizes young men and women to join preach peace and break the cycle of youth being used to propagate hate. Her experience in research and advocacy on youth and women's rights has enabled her to use unity of religions to bring women and young people together as a way of fighting extremism and uniting Kenyans.

Wambui strives to help the world engage and sustain interconnected communities to promote respect for diversity, non-violent resolution of conflict and religious, social, political, economic, and environmental justice.

### **Sheikh Muhammad Khan**



Born in 1974, Muhammad Khan graduated with M.A. in Islamic Shariah in Pakistan. Worked as an Imam at Bukhari Masjid and Islamic teacher at Muthurwa Islamic School Muslim Academy (Nairobi) and other Islamic institutions.

Chair for Imams in Nairobi until 2018, Executive of Kenya Interfaith Youth and Inter Religious Council until 2019. Currently Ambassador for Peace and Environment- Universal Peace Federation. Member of the Milimani Court Users Committee.

Official Immigration Interpreter for Arabic, Urdu and Pushto in the Courts. Volunteer job in Kamiti Maximum prison, advocating for women's rights, and He for She Activist. Administrator of Muthurwa Islamic Academy and Coordinator of iGYM.

### **Elizabeth Kisiigha Zimba**



Ugandan national and an economist by profession, Elizabeth is currently working as the ACT Alliance Regional Representative for Africa. Before this, Elizabeth was the Executive Director at the Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA).

Previously she worked with Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC) as Deputy Executive Secretary for Programmes. During 5 years she worked with the government of the Republic of Uganda, Office of the Prime Minister as a Project Officer on a Poverty Alleviation Project (PAP).

Elizabeth holds a Master of Arts Degree in Economic Policy Management and a Bachelors Degree in Commerce (Management) from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

On a voluntary basis, she has also served as a Board Vice Chairperson with Uganda – Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (U-ECLOF) and as the founding Executive Secretary with Uganda Orthodox Mothers Union. In addition, she has served as a member of the ACT Alliance Advisory Group on Advocacy and representative for Africa on the Assembly Advisory Group of 2018.

### **Mark Bryant**



Mark Bryant has had a lifelong passion for the Natural Environment and has been working with IFEES/EcoIslam for the past decade, where currently is the origination's Director. Mark is also the development officer for the Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK in Cardiff University. The Islam UK Centre is a research Centre with an emphasis on sociological and anthropological methodologies to shed a light on the everyday lived lives of Muslims Living in Britain.

Mark also works as the Eco-Consultant for the Children's Eco Village in Tanzania where is involved in all areas of developing environmentally sustainable projects for the village and the local community.



### **Rattan Channa**



Rattan joined Sikh Women Society in 1978, and served as Treasurer, Secretary and Chair 1990-1991. Also served as a Trustee a number of times. She joined World Council on Religion and Peace (WCRP) in 1998 and served as Co-Chair for a year. WCRP later changed to Inter Religious Council of Kenya, and served as a Treasurer for 4 years. Interim Chair of Women of Faith Network Kenya. She served as a Social Welfare Convener of Sikh Supreme Council 1992-1994. Rattan joined United Religions Initiative (URI) in 1998. Travelled to USA, Brazil, Austria, India, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Germany, Jordan and Bosnia for international conferences aimed to foster inter-religious dialogue and hence promote a better appreciation of our diversity and common goal of peace. Vice Chair of Global Council of URI from 2016-2018.

Trustee to Sikh Supreme Council of Kenya 2016-2019, she is the first and only woman representative to be appointed at this level. She champions empowerment for women at every juncture.

### **John Mwangi**



John is the National Coordinator Faith and Development with over 15 years experience of working with Faith communities. He works for World Vision Kenya, a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice covering over 37 counties in Kenya.

His responsibilities are: provide strategic leadership and technical support; Development, integration and implementation of Faith and Development standards, policies, and guidelines; Strengthening evidence of integration of faith in development in WVK, and establishing and cultivating strategic partnerships with the Faith community for child wellbeing.

### **Oscar Ivanova**



Oscar Ivanova is a 24 years old French. He joined the United Nations Environment Programme on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, as an intern to work on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Before joining UNEP, I worked for an NGO called Surfrider Foundation Europe, where I was responsible for managing the "Surfrider Coastal Defenders programme" in 6 European countries. My work consisted of providing support and expertise to citizens in their efforts to protect the environment. Prior to that, I worked for the Soldiers of Peace International Association as a Liaison Officer with the most important partners of the NGO, including the United Nations. I hold a bachelor's degree in Law and Political

Science and a Master's degree in International Programme Management, from the University of Lyon III, France. In the future, I would like to work in the Environmental crime field.

### **Siham Drissi**



Siham is a Programme Management Officer in the Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit in the Ecosystems Division at UNEP headquarters. She has been working in the field of international cooperation and sustainable development, with particular focus on agriculture, food security and environmental issues for the past 15 years.

After some years in the private sector at international level, she worked for two years and a half in the Interuniversity Research Center on Sustainable Development (CIRPS, in Italy) managing EU and regional funded projects. In 2007, she started working in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Headquarters in Rome, then in field offices for the Subregional Office for Central Asia, the Country Representation in Kenya, and the Regional Office for North Africa and Near East (until December 2015), mainly dealing with functions related to programme development and coordination at national and regional levels as well as resource mobilization and partnerships development.

### **Klaus-Michael Christensen**



Klaus-Michael Christensen founded the Swiss Impact Investment Association (SIIA) in 2015 and was its president until April 2019 when he founded Sevenbridge, a consultant company specialized in bridging stakeholders for positive social-economic outcomes. Klaus-Michael believes that raising awareness about positive socio-economic “Impact” in society, through investments and business, is critical in achieving the SDGs and to create a better collective future. He organized three annual Zug Impact Summit in the town of Zug, Switzerland, offering investors, entrepreneurs and service providers a unique opportunity to network with global thought leaders, governments, social entrepreneurs, financial

institutions, corporations, social and environmental activists, NGOs, charitable foundations, faith groups and impact investors. Both the Zug Declaration and the Zug Guidelines was announced in 2017, and 2018 Summit presented action-based outcomes like the announcement of the founding of FaithInvest Alliance and other significant action-based projects by UNDP, UNOPS, Female Leadership Forum, Innovate4water, and United Nations Environment Assembly to mention a few.

Klaus-Michael is a Danish national in Switzerland with an open entrepreneurial mindset. He has broad managerial and technical experiences within both the financial and IT sectors. He has founded several companies in Switzerland and then joined the banking and wealth management industry in Switzerland in 2001 where he worked for organizations such as Rothschild Bank, Lloyds TSB, Coutts, and Société Générale. Klaus-Michael ran a real-time financial-data company and co-founded a private equity firm for biotech and IT investments.

He is educated in Boston, Massachusetts, at Bentley University, earning degrees in Economics, Finance and Marketing.

### **Kristina Bruun-Nyzell**



Kristina Bruun-Nyzell is an intrapreneur, entrepreneur, social entrepreneur and investor that co-founded Sevenbridge with Klaus-Michael Christensen in April 2019, to be a consultancy firm specialized in bridging stakeholders for positive social economic outcomes in society.

She has a passion for co-designing more human ways for people and organizations to co-create and co-innovate enduring value in strategies, relationships, experiences and processes.

Kristina prepares people, communities and organizations for the world of tomorrow by future proofing people and organizations to ensure strategy and actionable outcomes are aligned with the actionable intent of the sustainable development goals.

“Kristina is a rare and exceptional strategist. Expect your thoughts to be shifted, have unforeseen doors kicked open and begin to see solutions in a whole new light. I would strongly recommend Kristina Nyzell to companies, causes and cultures that seek new and sustainable futures.” Nameer Kanderian, Atom.

### **Mercy Wambui Munene**



A resident of Kiambu County in Kenya and aged 23, Mercy Wambui Munene holds a Diploma in International Relations from Pioneer International University (PIU) and is currently a student at the United States International University, Africa (USIU-A) pursuing an undergraduate course in International Relations.

She is a volunteer core team member at the Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA) with focal mandate on environmental policy negotiations through the UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth. Through this role, Mercy engaged actively during the Fourth Session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA4) in March 2019. She also played an active lead role in coordinating the media coverage of the Second International Conference on Laudato Si' held at the UN Office at Nairobi (UNON) in July. Mercy is also among the

CYNESA delegates in the negotiations of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Through PIU and USIU-A, Mercy participated in drafting possible resolutions on environmental issues under the UNEP Committee during the AfromUN and SAIMUN General Assemblies.

## **Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga**



Ms. Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga, Head of the UN Environment Programme Office in South Africa, is an Economist/Urban and Regional Planner with over twenty-five years of progressive work experience in international sustainable development. During the last 21 years, Cecilia has worked with United Nations, building on her leadership and managerial capacity in programme development, management and inter agency cooperation.

In the last eight years, Cecilia has established the strategic presence for UNEP in South Africa and the Southern Africa region rolling out various programmes including in the areas of ecosystems and biodiversity conservation, combatting illegal wildlife trade, climate change, green economy and trade opportunities, resource efficiency & waste management, sustainable transport and environmental governance.

Her role has entailed policy analysis, assessing environmental trends in the Southern Africa region to generate evidence and knowledge, information and early warning for decision making. Through building strategic partnerships with Regional Economic Communities, private sector, faith-based organization and CSO's, various environmental initiatives including trans-boundary natural resources management and ocean governance.

Prior to joining UNEP, Cecilia worked for UN-HABITAT for 13 years, where she led global and regional programmes on sustainable urbanization and local development including the Urban Management Programme, Sustainable Cities Programme, Cities and Climate Change Initiative and the Lake Victoria Region cities development strategies initiative.

During her free time, Cecilia is a lover of classical music, theatre and art.

## **Pratibha Patel**



Sister Pratibha has been a student of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University since 1974. She devoted her life entirely to spiritual service in 1977. After 18 months training in India, she returned to Africa where she travels widely, lecturing and presenting seminars on personal development, stress-management and positive thinking.

She was instrumental in setting up and running the Global Spiritual Lighthouse and Inner Space Planetarium in Mombasa, Kenya (the first small-scale planetarium of its kind in East Africa)

Her active interest in imparting spiritual knowledge brought her to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1995. This resulted in a new Brahma Kumaris Centre being opened in Addis Ababa. In December 1996, she was instrumental in opening the BK Centre in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

She has represented BKWSU at a number of conferences in Nairobi, Kenya, including the "Origin of Peace Conference", the "Third Women's Decade Conference" and "The Eucharist Conference".

She participated in many international activities as UNEA 2017 or UNEA 2016.



### **Wondwosen Asnake Kibret**



Wondy, who is Ethiopian/Swiss, is part of the Policy Coordination Unit in the role of Senior Programme Officer. He is working on the 2030 Agenda and UN Reform.

Wondy has over 20 years' experience working on a wide range of sustainable development issues including experience and knowledge of inter-agency processes. He has been serving in the Europe Office as Policy and Partnerships Coordinator and has been actively engaged in a number of areas.

More recently he provided well-thought-through advice and various contributions to our SDG-related policy work was instrumental in our preparations for the HLPF event in New York. He envisioned and contributed to the development of the new "VNR Dashboard" using Power BI. This tool helps us visualize and analyze the expressed needs of countries participating in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) exercise at the HLPF.

Wondy says he is eager to make use of all these practical experiences and wide networks and collaboration built with governments, UN sister agencies, civil society, private sector, and parliaments to help advance both policy commitment and action to implement the 2030 Agenda – and indeed to the entire process of UN Reform.

### **Iyad Abumoghli**



Dr. Iyad Abumoghli has more than 35 years of experience with international organizations, the private sector, and scientific institution. Iyad's expertise focus on strategic planning, sustainable development, water resources management, and knowledge and innovation.

Currently, Iyad is the founder and director of the Faith for Earth Initiative and the Principal Coordinator for Engaging with Faith-Based Organizations at UN Environment. Previously Iyad held several leading positions including the Regional Director and Representative of UN Environment in West Asia 2012-2017, Director of Knowledge and Innovation at UNDP's Regional Office in Cairo 2009-2012, Senior Environment Advisor at UNDP's Sub-Regional Resource Facility in Beirut 2006-2009, Global Practice Manager for the Energy and Environment Group in New York 2003-2006, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP in Jordan 1997-2003.

Iyad holds a doctorate degree in Bio-Chemical Engineering from the University of Bath/UK, an outstanding graduate of the Virtual Development Academy - Johns University, and a BA in Chemical Engineering from University of Jordan.



Iyad enjoys cooking, gardening and photography.

### **Adele Goncalves**



Adele is currently an intern with the Faith for Earth Initiative. She holds a Double Bachelor's Degree in History and Biology, and recently graduated with a Master of Science in Ecology, from the Paris Sorbonne University. She specialized in biodiversity conservation policies, through field work in the Malaysian forest and a 6 months internship on the design of French national action plans for endangered species.

Prior to joining UNEP, she worked as a Research officer with the French Agency for Biodiversity (Ministry of Environment), to develop a national biodiversity information system. Adele is eager to explore cross-disciplinary approaches, specifically those linking environmental science to social issues.

She is learning saxophone and enjoys cultural and artistic events (music, theatre, exhibitions) as well as outdoor activities: hiking, cycling, and botany.

### **Euan McCartney**



Euan McCartney is a dual national from Luxembourg and Scotland. He joined the Faith for Earth Initiative in the Policy and Programme Division as an intern at the start of October 2019. He has since been working with Iyad and his team in to help stimulate religious engagement with sustainable development. For the following 6 months, he will be contributing towards this broad objective and hopefully catalyse greater inter-faith collaboration towards common objectives.

Prior to arriving at UNEP, Euan completed a Master's degree in International Development Studies from the University of Amsterdam, focusing on the concept of impact investments' interaction with the Sustainable Development Goals and how such innovative financial practices can contribute to development processes. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Development and Anthropology from the University of Sussex, in the United Kingdom.

### **Manyi Sun**



Manyi Sun, hailing from China, is an intern in Faith for Earth team since October, 2019. Manyi holds a bachelor's degree in Gemology and Material Crafts, mainly about mineralogy, from China University of Geosciences.

She gains a master's degree in Materials and Environmental Mineralogy from Peking University in this July. Definitely, faith and environment strategy is a stunning and effective approach to tackle environment crisis. All small efforts for the project are always fulfilling for her.

### **Cicilia Magare**



Cicilia is a Programme Management Assistant with the Climate Mitigation Unit, Energy Branch at the UN Environment. Cicilia is responsible for managing a diverse group of projects in renewable energy, energy efficiency and transport in several countries globally.

Cicilia has over 10 years working experience in programme management, youth development and entrepreneurship. She holds an Msc. In Development Finance from Stellenbosch University, Cape Town with interests in Environmental, Infrastructure and Project Finance.

### **Patricia Meledje**



Patricia Meledje is a Programme Assistant at the UN Environment Programme / Ecosystems Division, Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention. Within the Abidjan Convention, she's in charge of the overall administration and human resources. As such, she closely interact with Nairobi HQ based colleagues to have our issues be solved.

Patricia is a Christian member of the United Methodist Church of Côte d'Ivoire, a branch of the United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church is a mainline Protestant denomination and a major part of Methodism located in Nashville, Tennessee in the United States.

In the Church, she is part of the Communication and Marketing Committee (COCOM). The COCOM is in charge of ensuring that the activities of the church are well spread using various channels (social media, be to be, sms, telephone calls, etc.). She's also in charge of announcement during church service. Patricia have worked within the Women Organization ensuring integration of women in church life as well as their wellbeing. Besides this, she is the main host of a radio show (101.6 FM) on various issues related to the Christian faith.

### **Dinah Korir**



Dinah Korir is a Senior Administrative Assistant with the United Nations Environment Programme where she has served in various Divisions. Ms. Korir has also served at a UN Peace-Keeping mission - the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) from 1999 to 2003.

Ms. Korir joined the Executive Office where she provided administrative support to two Deputy Executive Directors and three Executive Directors as Personal Assistant. Prior to joining UNEP, Ms. Korir provided valuable administrative service as a Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Moi University.

She has a family of four.

### **Dzevada Susko**



Director & Researcher Institute for Islamic Tradition of Bosniaks, Research Institute of the Islamic Community in Bosnia-Herzegovina ([www.iitb.ba](http://www.iitb.ba)), Sarajevo - Research about the history, politics, society, Islam and Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in the Balkans