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Synergies Between Climate Action and SDGs: Implications for Multilateralism

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Bio-notes

Chris Garroway is the United Nations development system's first country economist for India, based in the office of the UN Resident Coordinator in New Delhi. He leads the UN Country Team's policy support and analytical work on the Sustainable Development Goals in India. He also supports the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Crisis Response Group task team on Food, Energy, and Finance and is working closely with the Government of India to support India's 2023 G20 Presidency. He has wide experience analyzing poverty, growth, and inequality in emerging and developing economies.



He previously served as special assistant to the Secretary-General of the UN Conference for Trade and Development in Geneva, leading the organization's work on financing for development, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the UN development system reforms.

No stranger to India, Chris first joined the United Nations in 2011, helping launch UN-ESCAP's subregional office in New Delhi where he was responsible for empirical analysis of poverty and inequality in 10 UN Member States.

Chris has also worked as a statistician and policy analyst at the OECD Development Centre and began his career at the World Bank European headquarters in Paris.

He holds degrees from the Paris School of Economics and McGill University. A dual French American national, he is married with two daughters.



Manjeev Singh Puri is a former Indian Ambassador. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1982 and served as Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg (2013-2017) and Nepal (2017-2019). He has also served as Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN from 2009-2012, a period during which India was on the Security Council. Prior to that, from 2005-2009, he headed the division in the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with UN issues on the social and economic side.

Major areas of Ambassador Puri's professional focus relate to global negotiations and related issues pertaining to climate change, sustainable development, and the environment. Climate financing and the role of multilateral development banks is a special area of interest for him, and his work was incorporated in the first report of the MDBs reform group set up during India's G-20 Presidency.

Ambassador Puri was a lead negotiator for India at the UN on issues relating to the post 2015 development agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. He was also a lead member of India's delegation at various Climate Change negotiations, including the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen in December 2009 and before that at Montreal, Bali, Bonn and Poznan. Furthermore, he was involved with India's participation in the G8-G5 Summits from 2005 and was the point-person for the Major Economies Forum.

Dr Archana Negi teaches at the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament of the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India. She teaches courses at the Ph.D and M.A. levels relating to international negotiations, international organization and world politics and her research interests include issues of international trade and environment.



Dr Negi has a master's in political science and a Ph.D. in International Law. Her recent publication is an edited volume titled Sustainability Standards and Global Governance: Experiences of Emerging Economies (Springer, 2020). She is currently a member of the Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) Academic Advisory Council that has been set up jointly by the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS) and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGG) of the University of Leuven. She is also a Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).

Dr Kusum Lata is a climate change professional with over thirty years of experience. She began her career in India, specializing in technology development, policy research, and patenting. Currently, she focuses on providing policy support to developing countries in the areas of economic diversification and Just Transition. She leads the support of multilateral international negotiations on mitigation policy impacts. With a Ph.D. in waste-to-energy, she continues to contribute to technical papers, research journals, and books. Passionate about projects benefiting developing countries, she also served for the regional office of UN climate change in Togo, Africa, where she focused on the development and implementation of initiatives like efficient cookstoves and waste management. Additionally, she serves as a technical lead assessor for accrediting organizations under the UNFCCC for carbon emission reduction mechanisms.



Ms Nobue Amanuma is a fellow at the Integrated Sustainability Centre of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Since joining IGES in 2017, she has supported the Government of Japan in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through her research. Her research interests include governance, stakeholder engagement, and social aspects of environmental sustainability. She is currently leading a three-year research project on strengthening follow-up and review of the SDGs. Before joining IGES, she worked at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific



(UNESCAP) in Bangkok and supported the regional process to formulate, implement, follow-up and review the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs, with a focus on supporting non-government stakeholders to engage in this process. She holds a Master of International Development degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Joyeeta Gupta (Netherlands citizen and overseas citizen of India), Professor of Environment and Development, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Amsterdam; and Professor on Sustainability, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Ms Joyeeta Gupta is Professor of environment and development in the global south at the University of Amsterdam and professor at IHE-Delft Institute for Water Education. Previously, she was professor on Climate Change Policy and Law at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. She won the highest academic recognition in the Netherlands – the Spinoza prize in 2023 (1.5 M € for 2024-2029). Professor Gupta has a European Research Council Advanced Grant (€2.5 M for 2021-2026) for climate research.



She is on the editorial board of six journals, was lead author in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (1998-2014) and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. She has supervised 33 PhDs and is currently supervising 20 PhD students. She has led, or participated in, acquiring 60 projects from funding agencies.

Ms Joyeeta Gupta was co-chair of UNEP's Global Environment Outlook-6: Healthy Planet, Healthy People (2016-2019). She is completing her co-chair role of the Earth Commission (2019-2024) which has published 20 papers including in Nature and presented results at the World Economic Forum on 18 January in the WEF in Davos, 2023 and 2024. She has just been appointed by the UN Secretary-General as co-chair of the Ten High-Level Representatives of Civil Society, Private Sector and Scientific Community to Promote Science, Technology, and Innovation for the SDGs for 2024-2025.

Dr. Himangana Gupta is a Research Fellow and Academic Associate at the United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). She is an expert in climate change and biodiversity policy and has worked on climate adaptation, forestry, women and climate change, energy efficiency, and national GHG inventories. She was also a part of the National Communication Cell of the Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change from 2016-2019, and contributed to India's Second and Third Biennial Update Reports to the UNFCCC. She is a certified expert in climate adaptation finance. She has seven edited books to her credit and more than 40 research publications, including book chapters. Currently, she is also serving as Lead Author for the Nexus Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

