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Bio-notes



Prof Anna-Katharina Hornidge is director of the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) and Professor for Global Sustainable Development at the University of Bonn. Before joining IDOS (then: DIE) in 2020, she was Professor of Social Sciences in the Marine Tropics at the University of Bremen and Head of Department "Social Sciences" and the research group "Development and Knowledge Sociology" at the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) in Bremen. From 2006 to 2015 she worked as Senior Researcher for the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, where she held the position as Professor and Director in the Department of Social and Cultural Change from 2014 to 2015. In her research, she focuses on the role of different types of knowledge in and for processes of change and questions of natural resources governance in agricultural and marine contexts. Her regional focus lies on Southeast and Central Asia, West and East Africa. Further, she serves as expert advisor in several advisory boards at national, EU and UN level – e.g. as Co-Chair of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Germany (SDSN Germany). She was appointed into the WBGU in 2020.



Mr Alistair Ritchie is Director of Asia-Pacific Sustainability at the Asia Society Policy Institute where he leads and oversees activities on Asian carbon market development. Alistair is an international expert in GHG emissions trading systems (ETs), and a known leader in their development. He is leading a major project on "Achieving Just Transition in India with an Effective Carbon Credit Trading Scheme" including the development of a just transition finance mechanism which would support individuals, communities and industries in states dependent on fossil fuels, in the transition to a low carbon economy. Alistair works extensively across India, China, South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and other

countries to support the development of successful national ETSs. Previously he was Team Leader of the EU-Korea ETS project and Technical Director of the EU-China ETS project. In Europe, Alistair played a key role in improving the EU ETS. Alistair has a degree in Chemical Engineering from Nottingham University in the UK and an MBA from the Open University.



Dr. Md. Golam Rabbani, Director, Climate Bridge Fund Secretariat, BRAC. He is a seasoned climate change specialist with about 20 years of experience in strategy development, programme management, project development, climate change adaptation/ mitigation, formulation/ evaluation of adaptation projects, conceptualizing and developing knowledge products at local, national, regional and international level. His domain expertise is in climate risk assessment, adaptation policy and institutional analysis, climate financing mechanism, climate change negotiation, and coordination with donors and development partners. Prior to joining BRAC, Rabbani worked in Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) as Fellow.



Dr Vibha Dhawan is the Director General of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Dr Dhawan's thought leadership and engagement in research as well as policy development, both at the national and international level is widely acknowledged. She is currently a task force member of National Committees with the Department of Biotechnology, the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, and the Biotech Consortium India. Dr Dhawan is currently a member of the Networks Strategy Council that advises Sustainable Development Solutions Network – a global initiative for the United Nations and was previously the Co-Chair of the T20 Task Force 4 on Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transitions. Under her able leadership, the National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping, in collaboration with Indian Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, was established at TERI campus.



Dr Gopal K Sarangi is an Associate Professor and Head of the Department (HoD) of the Department of Policy and Management Studies (DoPMS), at TERI SAS with more than 20 years of research and consulting experience. His primary domain of research covers energy market and regulation, green finance and related financing issues such as climate financing, sustainable development financing, carbon market, industrial decarbonisation and ESG issues, intersection of new energy technologies, fuels and resources with public policies, social systems and processes, energy and climate nexus, governance and institutional analysis of energy transition questions, geopolitics of energy transition, energy modelling and forecasting, and impact assessment of energy and environmental interventions. He has contributed as PI, Co-PI, Advisor and team member to several collaborative projects funded by DFID, EPSRC, World Bank, British Academy, UNDP, Prosper.Net, ICIMOD, Norwegian Research Council (NRC) and Government of India (GoI) and various state governments in India. He has contributed to the policy making as a nominated member by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) of GoI in the selection of villages for their performance in renewable energy domain and in their carbon neutrality. To his credit, he has been chosen as an Independent Director of UGVCL, Gujarat – one of the most efficient and pioneer distribution utilities of the state. He has published several peer-reviewed research papers in the domain of his research and has been

invited to deliver talks in several national and international forums and platforms. He has been taken honorary positions in various universities within India and outside. He has visited Freie University, Berlin, Germany, as a DAAD Research Fellow, visited DMU, UK as a Project Research Fellow, and visited Dundee University, Scotland as a Project Research Fellow, and visited UTS, Sydney, Australia as a Key Technology Partnership (KTP) research fellow. He has also been taken honorary positions as a Visiting Professor at Nalanda University, Rajgiri, Bihar, Visiting Professor at Just Transition Research Centre (JTRC), IIT, Kanpur, Honorary researcher at CPR, NISER, Odisha and honorary researcher at DEFT, Odisha. He teaches courses on Energy Economics, Energy and Sustainable Development, Carbon Market and Energy, Economics of Renewable Energy, Development Economics, Managerial Economics and Environmental Economics.

Ms Syeda Rizwana Hasan is an enrolled lawyer with the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. In professional life, she is working for the cause of environment as the Chief Executive of a reputed national Non Governmental Organization named Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA). Her main focus is to promote the notion of environmental justice in Bangladesh. She started her career with BELA in 1993 and till today is continuing with the same organization. As the Chief Executive of BELA, Rizwana is responsible for the overall co-ordination of the activities of BELA that include research, awareness raising, public interest litigation (PIL) and advocacy. Rizwana has filed PILs on various environmental issues most of which have received favourable orders/judgments. She has fought against vehicular pollution, river pollution, industrial pollution, ship breaking, grabbing of wetlands, cutting of hills, unregulated mining, unplanned urbanization, commercial shrimp cultivation, deforestation, loss of biodiversity and so on. Her cases are redefining the current notion of development that is devoid of environmental consideration. Since she is an anthropocentric environmentalist, her efforts are adding values to conventional human rights movement by bringing in the elements of environmental justice. She places people's legitimate rights at the center of her activism. Rizwana is a recipient of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize. She has been named as one of the 40 Environmental Heroes of the World by the TIME magazine. Recognizing her impassioned leadership, hard-driving skill, and uncompromising courage in the campaign of judicial activism that has demonstrated that the right to environment is nothing less than a people's right to dignity and life, Rizwana has been awarded with the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2012.



Dr. Shailly Kedia is a policy researcher and Senior Fellow and Associate Director with the Centre for Sustainable Development Research and Leadership at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi. She has been the curator of TERI's flagship initiative, the World Sustainable Development Summit, since 2021. With over 19 years of experience, her core research interests include sustainable development, climate policy, green growth, and sustainable consumption and production. In the past, Dr. Kedia has worked with the Sustainable Development Network of the World Bank in Washington, DC, and with the Center for Climate Systems Research at Columbia University and the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York.

