



Sustainable Development Dialogues

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Water



(Monday, 18th. June 2012 – from 2.30p.m to 6p.m)



BOYS, David
(Canada)

Since 1998, David Boys, PSI Utilities Officer, coordinates PSI's international work on the utilities of water and sanitation, waste and energy. David works closely with national unions to develop sector strategies and to link them in policy and advocacy work on finance and governance of water utilities at regional and global level. David is a recognised authority in the water sector and is a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation. He led a delegation of water workers to the Rio+10 Summit and was major group representative at a number of UN CSD annual meetings, notably the two year cycles on water and on energy. He has represented the labour movement to the OECD, EU, World Bank, and many other venues where water and sanitation policies are negotiated. He advocates the public-public partnerships between public utilities as an alternative to the for-profit based public-private partnership model which has dominated the sector for the past 20 years.



BRAGA, Benedito
(Brazil)

Vice-President of the World Water Council (WWC) and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of São Paulo (USP). From 2001 to 2009, he held the position of Director of the National Water Agency (ANA) of Brazil. Prof. Braga earned a Ph.D. in Water Resources from Stanford University. His areas of technical expertise are hydrologic forecasting, mathematical modeling, water resources planning and management, multiple objective decision making, operations research applied to water resources management and environmental hydrology. Prof. Braga is Vice-Chairperson for Latin-America and the Caribbean region of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO. Prof. Braga is a member of a great number of organizations dedicated to water resources management, both national – Brazilian Water Resources Association (ABRH); – and international – American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); International Water Resources Association (IWRA); International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS).

Source: Adapted from: www.watermediacenter.org



BUTARE, Albert
(Rwanda)

CEO, Africa Energy Services Group. and former Minister of State for Infrastructure in the Republic of Rwanda. Education background includes a PhD in energy policy formulation, tools and instruments for effective implementation, Masters and Bachelors of Science in Engineering, focus on energy and waste management, and Industrial engineering respectively. Dr Butare has been advising the World Bank on a number of tasks including the coordination of certain key activities involving the Ministers of Energy in Africa and currently making progress on pushing certain regional projects in Eastern and Southern Africa through the Regional Economic Blocks (EAC, COMESA, CEPGL, NELSAP, etc.)

Source: Adapted from www.africaesg.org



CHIBONGA, Dyborn Charlie
(Malawi)

Chief Executive Officer of the National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi (NASFAM). He has served in this role since 1999, managing the membership association of over 100,000 farmer members and a staff of about 390 in 19 locations across the country. In his experience with NASFAM, Mr. Chibonga has taken the project from an initiative to becoming a model rural producer organization in Southern Africa. Prior to NASFAM, he served in a manager capacity with Agricultural Trading Company from 1994 to 1999. Mr. Chibonga is a member of the Trade Policy National Working Group (TPNWG) and part of the Malawi Government agriculture cluster for World Trade Organization (WTO) and EU-ACP EPAs negotiations. His most recent appointments are to be on the Boards of Press Agriculture Ltd, and the Natural Resources College.

Source: http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/IMG/pdf/NASFAM_presentation.pdf



CUNNINGHAM KAIN, Mirna
(Nicaragua)

Director, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Ms. Cunningham Kain is an Indigenous Miskita woman from the community of Waspam, located on the banks of the Wangki River in Nicaragua. She left her community once to study medicine and surgery at the *Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua*, becoming the first female Miskita doctor. She played an important role in the consultation process on the negotiation of peace agreements that resulted in the approval of the Law of Autonomy of the Indigenous Peoples and Ethnic Communities from the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua (1987) and the establishment of the first autonomous regional governments. In the 90's, Ms. Cunningham Kain became the founding director of the newly established *University of the Autonomous Regions of Nicaragua's Caribbean Coast*, otherwise known as URACCAN. Ms. Cunningham Kain has also served as the coordinator of the Intercultural Indigenous Council (CII), formed by 60 indigenous scholars from 18 Latin American countries.

Source: Adapted from www.social.un.org



FAUCHON, Loïc
(France)

President, World Water Council. Post-graduate degree in Political Sciences from the Institute of Political Studies of Aix-en-Provence, France. Between 1983 and 1986, he was the Assistant Director in the Mayor's office of Marseilles, France, and until 1991 he worked as Assistant Secretary General of the City of Marseilles, in charge of international relations and of the city center. In 1991, he joined the General Management of the Marseilles Water Supply Company (SEM) and became President-General Director in 1997. Loïc Fauchon also served as Mayor of Trets, France, from 1989 to 1992. In 1977, he created the association Transahara with which he has traveled to Romania, Bosnia, Mali and Tunisia on emergency and development assistance missions. Loïc Fauchon has been a Governor of the World Water Council since 2000, first as a special advisor to the President, then as Vice-President from October 2004, and finally as President since March 18th, 2005.

Source: Adapted from www.worldwatercouncil.org.



GROBICKI, Ania
(Sweden)

Executive-Secretary, Global Water Partnership (GWP). Ania has degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cape Town and in Economics from the University of South Africa, together with a PhD in Biotechnology from Imperial College, London. Within IWMI she led the Challenge Programme on Water and Food as its first Co-ordinator. Her more recent work has been in the fields of health and the environment. Prior to joining GWP, Ania was based at WHO in Geneva as Head of Secretariat for a multi-stakeholder forum on strengthening research for health, development and equity worldwide.

Source: www.gwp.org



SEABRIGHT, Jeff
(United States America)

Vice President for Environment and Water Resources at The Coca Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia. Jeff has held several positions in government and business, including as a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. State Department and as Legislative Assistant to US Senators Timothy E. Wirth and John D. Rockefeller IV. In 1993, he joined the U.S. Agency for International Development, later serving as Director of the Office of Energy, Environment & Technology. He moved to the White House in 1999 as Executive Director of the Climate Change Task Force where he helped negotiate the Kyoto Protocol and later joined Texaco, Inc. in New York as Vice President for Policy Planning. He earned a Master's degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics. He serves on the Environmental Trade and Technology Advisory Committee to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Conservation International – International Leadership Council, World Environment Center, the Georgia Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy (Georgia), the Pace Academy in Atlanta, and the Sustainable Atlanta Advisory Council.

Source: <http://www.globalwaterchallenge.org/>



**SHEELA NAIR, Santha
(India)**

Vice-Chairperson, State Planning Commission, Government of Tammil Nadu. Santha Sheela Nair was a Member of the Indian Administrative Service for the past 37 years. Recently retired, she has been appointed as the Vice Chairman of the State Planning Commission of Tamil Nadu, India. Being a Member of the elite Indian Administrative Service gave her the opportunity to work in several sectors. However, for over two decades she has worked in the Water sector from the Municipal to the National level contributing to her deep understanding on Governance issues in Water. She contributed to pioneering efforts in Rain Water Harvesting, Conjunctive Water use Management and the ECO-SAN movement during her tenure as Secretary in the Government of India. Ms. Nair was a PARVIN FELLOW at the PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, United States and has been in the forefront of international discussions in the WATSAN sector. Recently, she was a Member of the International Steering Committee for BONN 2011 Conference on "Water, Energy and Food".



**YUNUS, Muhammad
(Bangladesh)**

Founder, Greameen Bank. Professor Yunus studied at Dhaka University in Bangladesh, then received a Fulbright scholarship to study economics at Vanderbilt University. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Vanderbilt in 1969. Returning to Bangladesh, Yunus headed the economics department at Chittagong University. Professor Muhammad Yunus established the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh in 1983, fueled by the belief that credit is a fundamental human right. From 1993 to 1995, Professor Yunus was a member of the International Advisory Group for the Fourth World Conference on Women, a post to which he was appointed by the UN secretary general. He has served on the Global Commission of Women's Health, the Advisory Council for Sustainable Economic Development and the UN Expert Group on Women and Finance. Professor Yunus is the recipient of numerous international awards for his ideas and endeavors, including the Nobel Peace Prize (2006).

Source: Adapted from *"The Nobel Prizes 2006"*, Ed. Karl Grandin, [Nobel Foundation], Stockholm, 2007.