

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION



Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu

UN Under-Secretary- General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu of Tonga is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. Ms. 'Utoikamanu has the responsibilities of monitoring and following up the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), the Vienna Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and SAMOA Pathway for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS). She is also called on to advocate for the issues and concerns of these vulnerable countries and ensure their integration into and coherence with global processes, including those related to the 2030 Agenda and other global development frameworks. Ms. 'Utoikamanu coordinates the advocacy work related to the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS in forums and platforms outside the United Nations. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. 'Utoikamanu was Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Tourism, Tonga; Acting Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2015); Deputy Pro-Chancellor and Deputy Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2009-2016); Deputy Director General and Director of Education, Training and Human Development of the Secretariat of Pacific Community (2009-2015); Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Government of Tonga to the United Nations, United States of America, Cuba and Venezuela and High Commissioner to Canada (2005-2009); and Secretary for Foreign Affairs and European Commission's National Authorizing Officer for Tonga (2002-2005). Ms. 'Utoikamanu holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics (1980), and a Masters in Commerce in Economics (1983) from the University of Auckland in New Zealand.



Mr. Liu Zhenya,

Chairman of Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization

Professor Liu Zhenya is a renowned expert in energy and electric power technologies and a leader in areas of ultra-high-voltage power grid and global energy interconnection. Professor Liu Zhenya was born in China in August 1952. He currently holds the position of the Chairman of Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO) and Chairman of China Electricity Council (CEC), a consolidated organization of China's power enterprises and institutions. He is also a foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA), international fellow of the UK Royal Academy of Engineering and member of the German Academy of Science and Engineering (Acatech). He has served as Chairman and President of State Grid Corporation of China for 12 years, inaugurated and organized research on ultra-high-voltage technologies, and led research and development on related equipment and engineering application in the whole process. In this period, he led SGCC to grow to the world's largest utility, with a historic rise to the 2nd place on Fortune Global 500 ranking.



**Ms. Iriana Freitas de Jesus Ximenes,
National Technical Advisor, Government Palace Timor-Leste**

Iriana Ximenes, born in Dili in November 1983. In June 2004 her knowledge of English language allowed her to get a job at an Internet Provider company run by Australians, in Dili. For the following 10 years she gained the trust and acknowledgment of her superiors, reaching not only the position of general manager, but also becoming an equal shareholder of the company itself. Without interruption in her professional career, Iriana never stopped studying, achieving a Master degree in Business Administration (MBA) in 2017 awarded by the University of Cumbria, and also a certificate in International Law – International Courts and Tribunals in the Hague awarded by Leiden University (Netherlands) in 2016, a certificate in International Law of the Sea awarded by the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) as best in her class in 2017, and a certificate in project management awarded by Polytechnic Institute of Leiria (Portugal) in 2018. Iriana was selected in 2017 to attend the Young Diplomats Forum 2017 in London, and was selected, on merit grounds, to represent her country at the American Council of Young Political Leaders in 2018. She is the current National focal point for PASP PALOP/TL Project funded by European Union and Camões, I.P also focal point for g7+, an international body an intergovernmental voluntary organization bringing together countries that are either facing active conflict or have recent experience of conflict and fragility and also National Focal point for Timor-Leste to Forum Macau, a diplomatic platform for investment.



**Mr. Youba Sokona
Vice chair of the UN intergovernmental panel on Climate Change**

Professor Sokona is currently Senior Advisor for Sustainable Development at the South Centre. Prior to this, he has a proven track record of organisational leadership and management, for example as Inaugural Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) and as Executive Secretary of the Sahara and the Sahel Observatory (OSS). Prof Sokona's advice is highly sought after, and as such, he is affiliated with numerous boards and organisations, including as Honorary Professor at the University College London (UCL), Member of African Academy of Sciences, Member of Science Advisory Committee of the International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA) and as a Special Advisor to the African Energy Leaders Group, Member of the Advisory Board of the Payne Institute for Public Policy, Colorado School of Mines, USA. In short, Prof Sokona is a global figure, with deep technical knowledge, extensive policy experience and an unreserved personal commitment to African led development. Professor Sokona's scientific achievements, over a career spanning 4 decades, revolve around the relationship between energy and water systems with development outcomes in Africa, within the constraints of ecological and climate change. He has led numerous initiatives and organizations with the mission to explore the food, water and energy interface in the context of sustainable development throughout his career.

SESSION I- INITIATIVES AND FINANCING MODELS TO ACCELERATE ENERGY TRANSITION ACROSS LDCS



Ms. Elisa Portale

Senior Energy Specialist and Coordinator Energy Knowledge Hub, ESMAP, World Bank

Dr. Elisa Portale is Senior Energy Specialist at Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) at the World Bank and she leads the coordination and project management of the ESMAP Energy Knowledge Hub which includes: Tracking SDG7: Energy Progress Report, Multi-tier Framework Global Survey (MTF) and Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE). She worked on several projects on energy access, in particular Energy Access for the Urban Poor Program, Global Status of Electricity Access Report (SEAR), and the Energy Sector Resilience Project. She worked in several countries in Africa, East Asia and Pacific, South Asia and Latin American and Caribbean. Prior to ESMAP, Elisa worked in Sustainable Development and Climate Change Policy at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei. She holds a PhD in Sustainable Development (Energy) and MSc in Economics and is a Harvard Kennedy School Fellow in Sustainability Science.



Mr. Frank Rijsberman

Director-General of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Dr. Frank Rijsberman leads the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in supporting governments transition towards a model of economic growth that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. With over 30 years' experience addressing the challenges of environmental sustainability and poverty reduction with leading international organizations and philanthropic foundations, Dr. Rijsberman was appointed as the Director General of the Institute, on October 1, 2016. In his role, Dr. Rijsberman engages with senior international stakeholders to drive the green growth agenda and help mobilize finance for climate action and sustainable development. As an advocate for sustainable development, Dr. Rijsberman is focused on supporting GGGI Member and partner governments to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and achieve their Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets. He holds a PhD degree in water resources management and planning from Colorado State University (US) and a MSc and BS in Civil Engineering from Delft University of Technology (Netherlands).



Dr. Sanjay Mathur

Regional Director for Asia, UNOPS

Mr. Sanjay Mathur is the Regional Director of UNOPS Asia Region. He assumed his duties in September 2015. Prior to taking up his current appointment, Mr. Mathur, in the role of Director & Representative of UNOPS in Myanmar (2009 – 2015), set up a full-fledged programme (exceeding USD 1 billion) from scratch. This programme is delivering efficiently and meets stringent UN/UNOPS corporate requirements. In the position of Deputy Regional Director (APO) from 2007 - 2009, he took over critical projects and successfully turned around managerial situations where risks were significantly reduced for the organisation and partners. He also started the decentralization efforts which increased UNOPS' presence at the country level. As Senior Portfolio Manager & Regional

IFAD Cluster Coordinator (2003 – 2007), Mr. Mathur oversaw the effective supervision and loan administration of IFAD loans and grants in the Asia Pacific Region (exceeding USD 150 million annually). Mr. Mathur strengthened the IFAD Cluster by promoting learning and knowledge management thus strengthening, quality and performance. Along with the achievements mentioned above, Mr. Mathur was instrumental in diversifying UNOPS' services by using the supervision model used by the IFAD Cluster to build the Local Fund Agent (funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) operations of UNOPS.



Mr. Tosi Mpanu Mpanu

Former Chair of the LDC Group, The Least Developed Countries Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiative for Sustainable Development (LDC REEEI)

Ambassador Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu has two decades of experience in the areas of finance, economic development, carbon markets, renewable energy, environment and diplomacy. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Pan African Climate Risk Management Mutual (ARC Agency), a specialized agency of the African Union. As the lead negotiator of the Democratic Republic of Congo for the UN Climate Convention, he served as Chair of the Group African Negotiators in 2010-2011 and as Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group (LDCs) in 2016. He is currently Chair of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN), for a two-year term ending in June 2019.



Mr. Zhenguo Li

President, LONGi Green Energy Technology

Bachelor of Physics in Lanzhou University. Master of MBA in Xi'an Jiaotong University. Began producing mono ingot since 1990. Worked as the director of Xi'an University of Technology Mono base and then the General Manager of Xi'an Lijing Electronic Technology Co.,Ltd. Founded Xi'an Xinmeng Electronic Technology Co.,Ltd (The former company of Longi Group). At present, he holds the office of Longi Group president and the executive vice president of National New Energy Chamber of Commerce.

SESSION II - NATIONAL ENERGY INVESTMENT STUDIES AS CHANGE MAKERS



Mr. Joseph Kalowekamo

Acting Director, Department of Energy Affairs, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Malawi

Joseph Kalowekamo is Acting Director of Energy Affairs in Malawi's Department of Energy Affairs which is under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining. He has vast experience and wide knowledge in the energy sector having worked for seventeen (17) years with the Department. Whilst working for the Department, he has been exposed to petroleum, electricity, coal, renewable energy and biomass energy industries. Joseph has contributed a lot in the energy sector in Malawi. Among others, he led the review process of the country's Energy Policy of 2003 resulting in approval and adoption of the new National Energy Policy of 2018 – a Policy that has prioritized increased access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, efficient and modern energy for every person in the country. He also led development of the Malawi's SE4All Action Agenda and development of the Malawi's Renewable Energy Strategy. He is currently key in conduction of the Sustainable Energy Investment Study in Malawi which is technically and financially supported by UN-OHRLLS. Joseph holds a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Massachusetts at Amherst in United States of America.



Mr. Chipampa Chola

Energy Officer, Ministry of Energy, Zambia

Mr Chipampa CHOLA works with the Zambia Ministry of Energy in the Renewable Energy section. He is a member of the Zambia Sustainable Energy for All Focal Point and he was actively involved in the development of the Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus which has identified high impact projects that will advance the objects of access to energy for all Zambians. He was instrumental in the development of other complementary energy sector programmes and initiatives such as the Scaling –up Renewable Energy Program which has produced an Investment Plan for Zambia under the World Bank Climate Investment Funds where he served as the Alternate Focal Point for the Ministry of Energy. Mr. Chola is also a member of the National Focal Point for the Southern Africa Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, a regional institution created to increase access to modern energy services and improved energy security across the Region through the promotion of market-based uptake of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and energy services. He is also the National Project Coordinator for the Bioenergy and Food Security Assessment and Capacity Building Project being implemented with the Food and Agriculture Organisation with the objective of developing a bioenergy strategy that will integrate food security and agricultural needs.



Mr. Thuya Aung Bo

Deputy Chief Engineer, Electricity Supply Enterprise, Myanmar

Mr. Thuya Aung Bo is a Deputy Chief Engineer of the Electricity Supply Enterprise under The Ministry of Electricity and Energy. He graduated a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Power from Yangon Technological University in 2002 and joined the government service at Ministry of Electricity and Energy since 2003. He had mainly endeavoured in the Transmission Sector of Ministry along his government services. He had actively attempted as a Regional Engineer for Rakhine State to be electrified by National Grid connection in 2014. From 2015 to the present, working in the rural electrification sector of Myanmar as a Project Manager for National Electrification Project which is one of the most important Projects to achieve the goal of the overall electrification on Nationwide by 2030.



Mr. Mongameli Mehlwana

Energy, Infrastructure and Services, Private Sector Development and Finance Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Mongameli "Monga" Mehlwana is currently working at the ECA's Private Sector Development and Finance Division, as Energy, Infrastructure and Services expert. He is responsible for clean energy infrastructure and its role in industrializing Africa. He has led a number initiatives over the last years. These initiatives are in the areas of clean energy development, project finance, project development and training. He has worked in partnership with African Union Commission, the African Union Development Agency, Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) and numerous African and international institutions. Monga has wide experience in the energy field since 1995. The notable institutions he has worked for include the Energy and Development Research Centre (now Energy Research Centre) at the University of Cape Town, the Minerals and Energy Policy Centre and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Council. In these institutions he has worked as a senior researcher and programme manager. Monga has written numerous conference papers, position papers, chapters in books, as well as co-authored several publications. He was a Lead Author of the Nobel Peace Award (2007) winning IPCC team on Climate Change Mitigation.



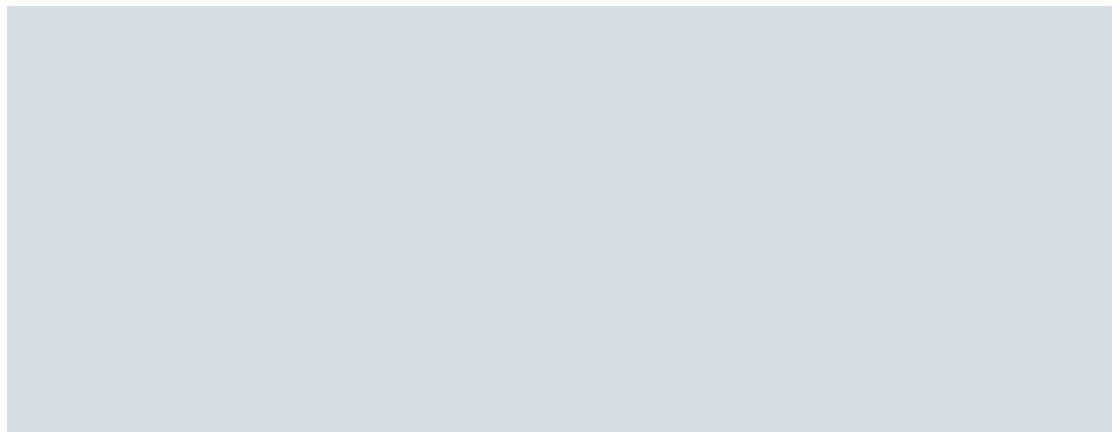
Mr. Eric Wanless
Principal, Rocky Mountain Institute

Eric cofounded and leads Rocky Mountain Institute's work in sub-Saharan Africa focused on ensuring investment in the energy sector delivers on the promise of economic development. He has worked with governments, utilities, and the private sector across Africa as well as in the United States and China to develop actionable programs to improve the reliability, economics, and environmental impact of energy systems and to accelerate deployment of off-grid solutions and distributed energy resources. Before joining RMI, Eric conducted primary research on consumer electronics efficiency opportunities with Engie, worked with the Natural Resources Defense Council implementing collaborative energy efficiency policy in California, and served as a senior field instructor teaching leadership in the world's most remote environments. Eric holds a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering and an MS in Energy Engineering, both from Stanford University.



Mr. Jun Yu
President, State Grid - China Electric Power Equipment and Technology Co., Ltd.

Mr. Yu Jun, a professorate senior engineer, born in 1971, worked in China Electric Power Research Institute, UHV Department, and Department of DC Transmission Management. He has carried out extensive research and practice in power systems and automation, power grid simulation, and DC transmission systems for a long term. In the fields of UHV DC transmission, VSC-DC transmission core technology research and development, equipment development and engineering standardization construction, he has made important achievements, winning the Special Award of National Science and Technology Progress Award. He is also the deputy director of the National High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Engineering Standardization Administration (SAC/TC324) and the member of the Equipment Standardization Administration. He is also the secretary of the IEC TC115 DC Transmission Technical Committee.



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Mr. Kerry Adler

President and Chief Executive Officer, SkyPower

As Founder, President and Chief Executive of SkyPower, the leading global developer, owner and operator of large utility-scale solar projects with an active presence in over 36 countries, Kerry Adler is recognized as one of the early pioneers of solar energy and a leading authority on the renewable energy industry around the world. Advising heads of state, developing renewables strategies coupled with driving governments towards their climate change initiatives with a focus on PPP implementation and GDP growth, Kerry Adler is a sought-after industry expert with a global leadership profile. He is an active board member, supporter and contributor to global organizations including the UN Global Compact, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), United Nations Foundation, Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) and Transparency International amongst others. Kerry Adler is also an award-winning business leader, becoming Canada's first-ever SDG Pioneer for his efforts on Climate Action (SDG 13), innovator and industry spokesperson at global events including World Future Energy Summit, Atlantic Council, UN Global Compact Leaders Summit, International Economic Forum of the Americas, and a champion for advancing the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and United Nations 17 SDGs. Kerry Adler was educated in both the United States & Canada in the field of economics, management and AI.

Mr. Rixin Liu

Vice President, Xinjiang Goldwind Sci & Tech Co.

Founded in 1998, Goldwind is committed to becoming a leader of clean energy and energy conservation and environmental protection solutions around the globe. Goldwind has 8,000 employees around the world, including 2,000+ R&D engineers. With over 31,000 turbines, Goldwind has become a world leader with more than 50GW of installed capacity. Today, Goldwind's wind turbines globally are helping the human society to save 31.78 million tons of standard coal, reduce 104.32 million tons of CO2 emission and achieve 57 million cubic meters of reforestation.



Mr. Jose Galindez

President, EKI Foundation

Mr. José Galíndez is founder and Chairman of the board of EKI Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on funding and supplying small solar PV installations to schools and healthcare centers in off-grid sub-Saharan Africa and South America. He is also Chairman of the Board and co-founder of Solarpack, a multinational integrated company of utility-scale solar pv plants with presence in 10 countries and more than 500 MW developed. Prior to co-founding the Company, from 2002 to 2004, José Galíndez served as Managing Director of Grupo Guascor. Before Grupo Guascor, Mr. Galindez served as President of Sulzer Chemtech and as member of the executive board of the Sulzer Group where he held several management positions between 1986 and 2001 in Spain, USA and Switzerland. Mr. Galíndez holds a degree in Naval Architecture from Universidad

Politécnica de Madrid. and a postgraduate program at IESE. Mr. Galindez was founding member and first President of the Spanish wind association (AEE), member of the Board of the Spanish associations of the solar pv industry (ASIF and UNEF), and a the Board of the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE). Currently holds the position of Vice President of Círculo de Empresarios Vascos (CEV), a Basque business association.



Dr. Ephrem Balole
CEO of Virunga SARL

Virunga Energies is a congolese utility company created in 2013. It plan to produce and distribute 105 MW of hydroelectricity around Virunga National Park through 8 hydroplants: 2 are already operational with 15 MW, another plant of 15 MW is due by 2019. The distribution area covers 10 cities of 2 million people. For isolated villages (0,5 million people), we plan to develop solar (300 – 500 KW) with minigrid.

Virunga Energies is a social enterprise working for the Virunga park, one of the Africa oldest and the richest in biodiversity but critically endangered World Heritage site. It aims : (1) to improve the livelihood of 4 million people living around the park in extreme poverty thanks to wars and depending on the park's natural resources, (2) to sustain the future of the park by the funds from the sale of electricity.

Virunga Energies searchs appropriate financial tools to scale up it's activities and attend it's objectives.

SESSION III - ACHIEVING SDG7 IN LDCs: MAKING PROGRESS AND BENEFITTING FROM GLOBAL AND REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Mr. Minoru Takada, Team Leader (Sustainable Energy), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA

Dr. Takada spearheads DESA's efforts in reviewing, following up and implementing SDG7 on energy, in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Prior to this position, Dr. Takada was the Team Leader for Sustainable Energy for All at the Executive Office of the Secretary-General at UN. Previously, he was Head of the Sustainable Energy Programme at UNDP, and worked in Africa as a community organizer for several years. He holds a PhD in renewable energy applications from the University of Mie in Japan, and a Masters in nuclear engineering from the University of Hokkaido, Japan



Mr. Joshua Setipa
Managing Director, LDC Technology Bank

Joshua Setipa graduated from the Universities of Bradford (MBA), Australian National University (International Trade policy) and National University of Lesotho (Political Science). His core competencies are economic development issues, regional and global trade and economic issues, and investment mobilization. He has over 20 years of experience gained at the national, regional and international levels working on economic and development issues. He has substantive field experience working on regional economic development issues in Eastern, Southern and Western Africa, with focus on economic sector reform and regional economic integration issues and extensive experience working on multilateral trade issues and their impact on regional integration and economic development. He was appointed the first Managing Director of the UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries in November 2018. From 2017 to 2018, he served as a senior consultant at the World Bank in Washington DC working on a multi donor regional Trade Facilitation Project for the ECOWAS region. From 2015 to 2017, he served as the Minister for Trade and Industry in Lesotho. During this period, he initiated comprehensive reforms to Lesotho's trade and industrial policy and launched Lesotho's first special economic zone. From 2012 to 2014 he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Lesotho National Development Cooperation, an institution charged with mobilization of foreign direct investment to Lesotho and the economic empowerment of Lesotho Nationals.



Mr. Tomoo Machiba
Deputy Director, Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN)

Tomoo leads the CTCN's efforts for actively engaging its donor countries, multilateral financial institutions, Consortium and Network members, the private sector and other stakeholder groups, as well as improving the monitoring, evaluation and reporting of CTCN projects to ensure their long-lasting impact for climate mitigation and adaptation. Tomoo has 20-year experiences of working with governments, industry and NGOs in advising on a range of climate change-related issues. Originally trained as journalist, Tomoo previously served for the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), OECD, UNEP Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP), Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and SustainAbility Ltd.



Mr. Marlan Pillay

Programme Officer, UNFCCC Climate finance

Since childhood I have always been fascinated with all things environmental, from building bird houses to growing worms for composting. Years later, I obtained a Master's degree in both Environmental Management and Health and Safety amongst other qualifications and certificates. Building on 13 years of work experience forged in the sugar industry and the national accreditation system in South Africa, I joined the UN Climate Change secretariat in 2010. My work at the UN has afforded me opportunity to visit places and meet many interesting people that are equally passionate about responding to climate change and carving out a pathway to a sustainable future together. I have served in capacities such as Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Joint Implementation (JI) accreditation lead and technical assessor; as an officer overseeing these accreditation programmes; as an officer supporting developing countries to enhance their capacity to meet their reporting commitments under the Climate Change Convention and the Paris Agreement; and supporting the climate change intergovernmental negotiation process. My interests include international and regional cooperation; climate change mitigation; communication and outreach; tracking the progress of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs); and GHG baselines and monitoring.



Ms. Seleha Lockwood

Programme Manager, ADFD Facility, IRENA

Seleha Lockwood joined the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in 2012 as a manager of the IRENA/Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) Project Facility. She has over 25 years of management experience in government, private and non-profit organisations covering sustainable development, climate change mitigation and adaptation, renewable energy and energy efficiency. Her work at IRENA has enabled the mobilisation of \$695 million for 24 projects. This represents soft loans of \$245 million from ADFD and \$450 million from government, development funds and the private sector. The projects are solar PV, wind, geothermal, hydro and biomass energy in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific and Caribbean. The projects will benefit over 7.5 million people with increased access to energy, create 5,000 new jobs and reduce emissions by ~3 million tCO₂e/yr. She has extensive international experience through business and education-related stays in Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, South Africa, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, UK, US and Ecuador. Academic background: Masters in science (MSc) degree in Environmental Technology from Imperial College in London and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with Development Studies from the University of Sussex (UK).



Mr. Zhixuan Wang
Vice President, China Electricity Council

Mr. Wang Zhixuan, senior engineer of professor level, Vice President of China Electricity Council (CEC). He also holds a variety of social posts including Committee Member of the National Panel on Climate Change, Member of the Experts Advisory Group of the Anti-Monopoly Committee of the State Council, Vice Chairman of the Technical Committee on National Energy System Standardization, Chairman of the Technical Committee on Electric Power Energy Saving Standardization. He worked with the engineering institutes and environmental protection institutes affiliated with the former Ministry of Power Industry for ten years in environmental impact assessment, pollution control, project design and research, and had served as head of the environmental protection department of the engineering institute and acting director of the environmental protection institute. He also had eight years of experience in the Safety and Environmental Protection Department of the Ministry of Energy and the Planning Department of the Ministry of Power Industry, and had served as Division Director and Director of the Environmental Protection Office of the Ministry of Power Industry. He has been focusing on studies in energy and power development, environmental protection, resource conservation and climate change, standardization and industry administration since he started to work with CEC in 2003. He held positions as director general and deputy secretary general successively and began to serve as Secretary General in 2009.



Mr. Luo Xin
Executive Director, Golden Concord Holdings Limited

November 2018, GCL System Integration Technology Co., Ltd announced the official appointment of Mr. Eric Luo as Chairman and CEO of the company, as well as Executive Director and Senior Industrial Partner of GCL Group, who previously served as the VP of GCL New Energy Holdings Limited and President of GCL North American Branch. Eric was Executive Director and CEO of Shunfeng International Clean Energy Limited from 2014 to 2017 and nominated for Asian CEO of the Year 2014 by Power & Electricity World Asia in recognition of his leadership and contribution to the growth and evolution of power, energy, and utilities in Asia Pacific. Prior to that, Eric served as CEO of Wuxi Suntech Power Co., Ltd., the GM of Thomson Consumer Electronics Inc., the Global Head of Strategic Sourcing and China GM of Nortek Inc. Eric was one of the keynote speakers at Davos Annual Meeting in 2016 and 2018 and recently awarded as the Outstanding Leader at Global Energy Leaders Summit. Eric is currently serving as the industry advisor to US-China Green Fund. Eric has over 20 years of management experience. Eric obtained an MBA degree from Michigan State University.

SESSION IV - INCLUSIVE ENERGY FINANCE TO REACH THE LAST MILE



Dr. Ute Collier

Global Energy Representative, Practical Action

Dr Ute Collier is Global Energy Representative for Practical Action, in charge of the development charity's influencing and evidence agenda on energy access. Before joining Practical Action in October 2018, she spent 3 years at the International Energy Agency in Paris where she led on renewable heat and on renewable energy policies. Previously, she worked at the UK Committee on Climate Change and the Greater London Authority, as well as several non-governmental organisations and academic institutions in her earlier career.



Mr. Reginald Mapfumo

Regional Project Manager, Green and Inclusive Energy, Humanistic Institute of Development Cooperation (HIVOS)

Reginald T. M Mapfumo has amassed over 10 years in the energy sector having worked on gender and energy, community driven renewable energy systems, development of renewable energy policies in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Specifically, he was involved in the construction of 15 micro-hydro schemes for isolated communities in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe on socio- economic issues and mobilisation of communities. He has also been highly involved in the development of the energy policy in Zimbabwe, SE4ALL Action Agenda and the Investment Prospectus in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe, revision of the energy policy in Malawi, development of the energy and renewable energy policies in Zimbabwe among other strategic energy policies. He has also gained a lot of experience in regional and international lobby and advocacy work over the 10 years in promotion of renewable energy technologies. Currently he works as a project manager for the energy lobby and advocacy programme with Hivos Hub Southern Africa.



Ms. Niru Shrestha
Energy Entrepreneur, Nepal

Niru Shrestha, an experienced entrepreneur from Nepal, who was inspired by the WEE-Nepal training programmes in 2015 to switch from constructing built-on-site mud chimney stoves to supplying portable biomass cookstoves. She shows great ambition to expand her business. She is planning to engage with both government and non-government organisations, local financial institutions and banks to promote improved cookstoves.



Mr. David Morgado
Senior Energy Specialist, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

David Morgado is a Senior Energy Policy Specialist at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). He is responsible for supporting the implementation of AIIB's Sustainable Energy Strategy, identifying investment opportunities and assisting with project preparation. Previously David worked at the International Energy Agency (IEA) on scaling up energy efficiency policies in Brazil, India and Mexico. He also worked for the International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC) providing technical assistance to governments, utilities and international development agencies including the ADB, World Bank, IFC, UNDP, UNEP and APEC. His work covered energy efficiency, demand-side management and renewable energy across Asia-Pacific and Africa.



Mr. Peter George
Senior Director, Private Sector & Investment, Clean Cooking Alliance

Peter George is the Clean Cooking Alliance's Senior Director for Private Sector and Investment. Over the past 13 years, he has held roles in investment banking, private equity and project finance, and most recently, impact investing and development finance. In his role at the Alliance, he manages a team that develops and operates grant funds, technical assistance and advisory programs, and numerous investment initiatives. Prior to joining the Alliance, he invested in and advised start-ups and small and medium enterprises developing distributed energy solutions in emerging markets across Africa, Asia and Latin America. He began his career investing in and advising oil and gas companies and renewable energy project developers in the United States. Peter earned his Bachelors in finance from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He holds

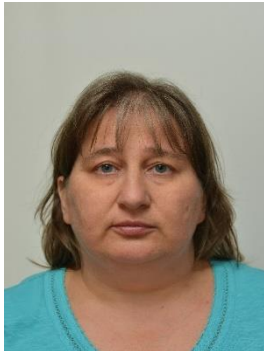
dual-citizenship in the United States and United Kingdom and is currently based in Amsterdam.



Mr. James Chavula
Journalist, Malawi

James Chavula is an award-winning features journalist at Nation Publications Limited in Malawi. He tells life-changing stories with a human face. He has worked with Malawi's leading print media houses since 2007, when he graduated from the University of Malawi. He is passionate with environmental reporting and sustainable development, especially in the areas of clean energy, water for all, universal health coverage, climate change and human rights. He has won several awards from the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) and the Association of Environmental Journalists (AEJ) in Malawi in the fields of Sustainable Energy, Hunger and Poverty, Social Accountability in Agriculture and Climate Change Action, Tourism, Fisheries, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and Human Rights. In May 2018, Chavula received the UN Voices of a Brighter Future Award at the Sustainable Energy for All Forum in Lisbon, Portugal, following a training in energy and climate change reporting offered by HIVOS in partnership with Climate Tracker and AEJ. He prefers calling himself a solution journalist.

CLOSING SESSION



Ms. Susanna Wolf
Deputy Chief, UN-OHRLLS

Susanna Wolf has been heading the LDC Unit of the Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS) since June 2009. She has been instrumental in the substantive preparations for the MTR of the IPoA and is leading the preparations of several publications, including the annual report on the State of the LDCs. Before joining OHRLLS she was Economic Affairs Officer at the Economic Commission for Africa for five years, contributing to several flagship publications. In 2003/ 2004 she was Alexander von Humboldt fellow at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the University of Ghana, doing research on private sector development. She was also a research fellow at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms University Bonn for more than 5 years. After studying mathematics and economics at the University of Hamburg she received her doctorate in economics (1996) from the University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg, Germany.



Ms. Julia Panzer

Climate Action Summit Team, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations

Julia Panzer is co-lead on the Energy Transition Track of the UN Climate Action Summit on 23 September 2019. She supports the efforts in the Energy Transition Track to ramp-up ambition from all sectors in society to enable the world to bend the emissions curve by the end of 2020 and to get on track to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Julia has held various positions in public affairs, communications and project management working with topics around climate and energy, urbanization, and heating & cooling incl. food supply. As business representative for Danfoss A/S, a Danish technology company, she co-convened multiple partnerships, e.g. under the SEforALL umbrella, as Sherpa for the CoolingforALL initiative, with UN Environment's 'District Energy in Cities Initiative', WRI's Buildings Accelerator or WEF's Grid Edge Transformation Working Group. Before joining Danfoss, she held positions at BSR (Business for Social Responsibility) and the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Intercultural Communication and Spanish from the University of Passau in Germany, as well as a Master's in International Business and Politics from Copenhagen Business School in Denmark. Julia is a board member of the European Heat Pump Association and the EU Alliance to Save Energy.



Mr. Gauri Pradhan

Global Coordinator, LDC Watch

As the national coordinator, he was actively involved for the formulation of the "Ten Years National Plans of Action (NPA) for Children in Nepal for the period 2005-2014." He had coordinated a number of research team on child rights, human rights, peace building, social development, and strengthening public education. As a resource person, he has trained over 5,000 persons from different fields including from Government, NGOs, Police, Teaching Service, Students, Community members, adolescents and so on in different subjects in last twenty years. He also writes quite frequently both in Nepali and English on the contemporary issues related to Human Rights, Social Justice and Pro-people Development. Social service for education, health and community development is one of his passion of life. Since July 2015, Gauri Pradhan has been actively involved as the Global Coordinator of LDC Watch, the global platform of CSOs dedicatedly working for rights, development and the best interest of the least developed countries. He also has played an instrumental role to organize the LDC CSO Conference on Mid-Term Review of IPoA which was held in collaboration with UN OHRRLLS in Antalya, Turkey in May 2016. As a Global coordinator of the LDC Watch, he has been continuously working for enhancing and strengthening the civil society campaign, policy advocacy and alliance building for justice, freedom and development in LDCs through its national Focal Points.



H.E. Mr. Perks Master Ligoya

Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations, Chair of LDC Group

Dr. Ligoya is a macroeconomist holding four university degrees including a doctorate degree in Economic Policy Management obtained From CERDI, Clermont Ferrand, France in 1998. He is fluent in both English and French. He was governor of the Reserve Bank of Malawi from September 2009 to April 2012. He served as Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund. He served as Malawi's High Commissioner to Kenya also accredited to Uganda, Central Africa Republic and Somalia. Ambassador Ligoya was also Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and to UN-Habitat. He also served as High Commissioner to India and Sri Lanka from April 2013 to March 2015. Under a World Bank funded Project (Financial Management and Transparency Project [FIMTAP]) he was hired as a consultant to serve as Director of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance and Treasury Economic Advisor to the Ministry of Finance. He was one of the founding members and president of Economics Association of Malawi. He was appointed by the State President of the Republic of Malawi to serve as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations with effect from April 1st 2018. He arrived in New York on August 11th 2018 to take up that position.



Mr. Wu Xuan

Secretary General, GEIDCO

Secretary General, Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO); Vice President, China Electricity Council (CEC)

Mr. Wu Xuan has been serving as the Secretary General of GEIDCO since 2017. Previously, he has worked in China Electric Power Research Institute, China Guodian Power Economic Research Center, State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC). He has assumed the positions of Deputy Director-General of General Office, Director General of Research Department at SGCC, and Chief Operating Officer of GEIDCO.

Mr. Wu has long been engaged in power grid planning, power market study and analysis, and technical research and management in the energy sector. Mr. Wu has presided over many major strategic research projects of SGCC, and has won 16 national, provincial and ministerial-level science and technology progress awards.

In June 2018, Mr. Wu was elected as Vice President of China Electricity Council (CEC).