

# **Regional Conference on Aligning Corporate Sustainability with Sustainable Development Goals**

## **Agenda and speaker biographies**

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United Nations Conference Centre  
Bangkok, Thailand



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At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro in 2012 (Rio+20), member States adopted an Outcome Document, The Future we Want and agreed to launch a process to develop Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), building on the Millennium Development Goals, as part of the post-2015 development agenda. The intergovernmental Open Working Group (OWG) set up for this purpose presented its proposal in July 2014 on what the SDGs should be, comprising 17 goals and 169 targets.<sup>1</sup> The SDGs are expected to be adopted at the United Nations summit on 25-27 September 2015.

The Rio+20 conference also called for a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic efficiency, social inclusion and environmental protection. This will be the focus of the Second Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, to be held on 21 and 22 May 2015 in Bangkok, which will provide regional input to the global High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the global level.

Given the imminent adoption of SDGs and the core role business needs to play in achieving sustainable development, this regional conference is organized by ESCAP, in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC) and its Sustainable Business Network. The aim is to gather business views as input to the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, as well as to provide input to the G20 workstream on inclusive business. The conference will:

Examine what the SDGs mean for business and seek business views on the role of Asian-Pacific business in achieving sustainable development and implementing the SDGs.

- Propose tools and strategies to improve and align business sustainability strategies with the SDGs.
- Showcase examples of responsible and inclusive business initiatives from the Asia-Pacific region.
- Provide guidance to policy makers on what is needed to advance corporate sustainability in the region.

In particular, the conference will centre around the following three main questions:

1. How does the private sector in the region view its role in achieving sustainable development and the SDGs? What is needed to increase the willingness and ability of the private sector to adopt responsible business practices that effectively integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development?
2. What can governments do to provide an enabling environment for business to be an effective partner in achieving sustainable development?
3. What are the main modalities, international initiatives and instruments to advance corporate sustainability and responsible business practices and how do they link to SDGs? What additional frameworks, tools or policies are needed to help business align sustainability strategies with SDGs and contribute to SDG implementation?

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<sup>1</sup> See e.g. A/68/970, and <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=400&nr=1579&menu=1300>

## Tentative agenda

07.30 – 08.30	<b>Registration</b>
08.30 – 08.50	<b>Opening addresses</b> <b>Shamshad Akhtar</b> , Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP <b>Mohamed Iqbal Rawther</b> , Chairperson, ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC)
08.50 – 09.00	<b>Keynote address</b> <b>Mukhisa Kituyi</b> , Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
09.00 – 09.05	Photo with panelists
09.05 – 10.15	<b>The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – what impact for corporate sustainability strategies?</b> <p>The SDGs are intended to provide goals, targets and indicators against which to measure societal progress over the period 2015-2030. This session will explore what the goals are expected to cover, what the impact of their adoption may be on business sustainability strategies, and how business can contribute to the goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What are the SDGs and how do they apply to business?</i></li> <li>- <i>What will change with their adoption?</i></li> <li>- <i>What impact will the adoption of the goals have on sustainability strategies of companies?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can existing CSR frameworks support SDG fulfilment?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can the SDGs support the drive for more inclusive and sustainable business practices?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can business be effectively engaged in fulfilling the SDGs?</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Roel Nieuwenkamp</b>, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Georg Kell</b>, Executive Director, Global Compact (video recording)</li> <li>- <b>Nicholas Rosellini</b>, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP</li> <li>- <b>Edward Clarence-Smith</b>, Representative and Director, UNIDO Regional Office</li> <li>- <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b>, Senior Regional Coordinator: Resource Efficiency and SCP, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>- <b>David Lamotte</b>, Director, International Labour Organisation (ILO) Office for Pacific Island Countries</li> <li>- <b>Anuradha Rajivan</b>, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank</li> </ul>

10.15 – 11.15	<p><b>Sustainability monitoring and disclosure – how can it help drive the process?</b></p> <p>Based on the premise what you can't measure you can't manage, a number of different sustainability reporting and disclosure tools and mechanisms exist today to support companies in integrating sustainability considerations throughout their business operations. This session will discuss the landscape of tools for monitoring, reporting and disclosure, and how they it can drive increased sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What are the tools for measuring and reporting on sustainability?</i></li> <li>- <i>To what extend are they used in Asia and the Pacific?</i></li> <li>- <i>What are the challenges in ensuring harmonized reporting, and how can they be addressed?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can company sustainability reporting be linked to SDG monitoring?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can reporting frameworks such as the GRI drive responsible business conduct and SDG implementation?</i></li> <li>- <i>What is integrated reporting, and how can it contribute to change?</i></li> <li>- <i>What accountability mechanisms exist for ensuring quality reporting and positive change?</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Pietro Bertazzi</b>, Senior Manager Public Policy and International Affairs, Global Reporting Initiative</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>James Kallman</b>, Founder, Foundation for International Human Rights Reporting Standards and President Director, Moores Rowland</li> <li>- <b>Michael Zimonyi</b>, Senior Project Officer, Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) and CDP</li> <li>- <b>Anthony Miller</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD</li> </ul>
11.15 – 12.30	<p><b>Integrating sustainability in business operations and stimulating SDG related investments: Private sector views and experiences</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the level and scope of business implementation of sustainability considerations in day-to-day operations of companies in the region today. It will provide examples from the region of how companies are expanding and deepening their implementation of sustainability practices, and discuss remaining challenges and how these can be addressed. The session will also discuss private sector solutions for addressing key SDG goals, and discuss what is needed to expand their uptake in the region.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Carson Wen</b>, Partner, Jones Day, Chair of EBAC Task Force of Green Business</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Asif Ibrahim</b>, Vice Chairman, Newage Group of Companies, Bangladesh</li> <li>- <b>Sutheash Balasubramaniam</b>, Managing Director, Global Strategic Corporate Sustainability Ltd, and Global Compact Sri Lanka network representative</li> <li>- <b>Janet Neo</b>, Regional Sustainability Lead, HEINEKEN Asia Pacific</li> <li>- <b>Aman ul Haque</b>, Head, Engro Foundation, Pakistan</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Gilad Regev</b>, CEO, Windfire BV</li> <li>- <b>Michael Greenslade</b>, Director, Pacific Island Trade &amp; Invest</li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 15.00	<p><b>Increasing sustainability and enabling the SDGs: What role for banking and finance?</b></p> <p>As they main provider of finance, the banking and investment sector has a huge potential in pushing for increased sustainability among lenders and investees. In the Asia-Pacific region, an increasing number of banks are also adopting sustainability strategies, and some stock exchanges are mandating or requiring sustainability reporting on a 'comply or explain' basis. This session will explore what is being done today, and how the banking sector, stock exchanges and investment funds in the region can play a larger role in driving company sustainability implementation and disclosure in the region.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>George (Kam Ho) Yuen</b>, Independent Non-Executive Director, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia), Hong Kong, China and Chair of the EBAC Task Force on Banking and Finance</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Raghu Narain</b>, Managing Director and Head of Sector Advisory for Asia Pacific, Royal Bank of Scotland</li> <li>- <b>Manuel Rybach</b>, Global Head of Corporate Citizenship, Credit Suisse</li> <li>- <b>Rokia Afzal Rahman</b>, Chair Airlinks Group of Companies and President Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh</li> <li>- <b>Bordin Unakul</b>, Executive Vice President, Stock Exchange of Thailand</li> </ul>
15.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Enabling increased sustainability of business operations: What role for Governments?</b></p> <p>This session will elicit private sector views on what is needed from Governments to incentivize and push for increased integration of sustainability considerations in companies, and how Governments, the private sector and civil society could best work together to ensure speedy implementation of the SDGs.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Thomas Thomas</b>, CEO, ASEAN CSR Network</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Roel Nieuwenkamp</b>, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct</li> <li>- <b>Pooran Pandey</b>, Executive Director, Global Compact Network India</li> <li>- <b>Shahamin Zaman</b>, CEO, CSR Centre, and Global Compact Network Bangladesh</li> </ul>
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Summary and conclusions</b>

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## Speaker biographies

(in order of appearance)



### **Shamshad Akhtar**

In December 2013, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. She also serves as UN Sherpa for the G20.

Previously the Secretary-General's Senior Advisor on Economics and Finance, as well as Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, she served as Governor of the Central Bank of Pakistan from 2006 to 2009; Vice President of the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa Region; and held a range of senior posts in the Asian Development Bank, including that of Director-General (South-East Asia region).

Ms. Akhtar was a post-doctoral US Fulbright Fellow at Harvard University, holds a PhD in Economics from the Paisley College of Technology, a Master in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, and an MSc in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University.



### **Mohamed Iqbal Rawther**

Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal Rawther is currently Group Executive Director of Farlim Group (Malaysia) Berhad, a company listed in the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. In addition, he also holds Directorships in NT7 and TV9, two members of South-East Asia's largest media group. He is also a Board Member of Binary University College, a private university dedicated to management and entrepreneurship.

Datuk Seri Iqbal is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (FCIB), London, and Chairman of the Malaysian Institute of Management, Malaysia. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and a Masters Degree in Business Administration, both from the University of Malaya. He also has professional certificates from the Institute of Education, University of Birmingham, UK; and the Harvard Business School, USA.

He holds several senior positions including Chairman of the ESCAP Business Advisory Council; Vice President of the ASEAN Business Forum; Honorary Secretary of Malaysia-Japan Economic Association; Deputy President of Malaysia-Gulf Countries Business Council and Chairman of the Malaysian Institute of Management.



## Mukhisa Kituyi

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi became the seventh Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 1 September 2013. He has an extensive background as an elected official, academic and holder of high government office. Dr. Kituyi was elected to the Parliament of Kenya in 1992 and was twice re-elected. He was the Minister of Trade and Industry of Kenya from 2002 to 2007. During this period, Dr. Kituyi chaired and participated in a variety of ministerial-level initiatives, including for the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the 2005 Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization.

Immediately prior to becoming Secretary-General, Dr. Kituyi was Chief Executive of the Kenya Institute of Governance and a Fellow of the Brookings Institution. From 2008 to 2012, Dr. Kituyi was a member of a team of experts advising the presidents of the nations of the East African Community on how to establish more effective regional economic links. From 2011 to 2012, he was a consultant for the African Union Commission, where he helped to develop the structure for a pan-African free trade area.

Dr. Kituyi studied political science and international relations at the University of Nairobi and at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, receiving a BA in 1982. He went on to earn a Master of Philosophy and a PhD from the University of Bergen.



## Roel Nieuwenkamp

Roel Nieuwenkamp studied Economics, Law and Philosophy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. He worked at the European Commission and was a consultant in New Zealand on the issue of results oriented government. He worked for several years as management consultant at Arthur Andersen. In 1998 he became interim manager at the Ministry of Education.

From 2001 until August 2006 Prof. Nieuwenkamp was managing director of the Entrepreneurship Department of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. From September 2006 until May 2013, he was director of the International Trade Policy & Economic Governance with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His responsibilities concerned i.a. trade policy (WTO), investment treaties, corporate social responsibility, and the regulation of strategic goods.

Next to his job he wrote his PhD dissertation about the interaction between ministers and top civil servants. Since 2010 he is part-time Professor of Public Administration at the University of Amsterdam.

Prof. Nieuwenkamp was Chair of the OECD Working Party on International Investment and in that capacity chaired the negotiations on the 2011 update of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Since June of 2013, he has been the Chair of the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct in Paris.





## Georg Kell

Georg Kell is the Executive Director of the UN Global Compact, the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative with 8,000 corporate participants in 145 countries. A key architect of the Global Compact, he has led the initiative since its founding in 2000, establishing the most widely recognized multi-stakeholder network and action platform to advance responsible business practices. Mr Kell also oversaw the conception and launch of the Global Compact's sister initiatives on investment and business education, the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

Mr Kell started his career as a research fellow in engineering at the renowned Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology and Innovation in Berlin. He then worked as a financial analyst in various countries in Africa and Asia. He joined the United Nations in 1987, and has been at the leading edge of the organization's private-sector engagement ever since. A native of Germany, Mr Kell holds advanced degrees in economics and engineering from the Technical University Berlin.



## Nicholas Rosellini

Since January 2009, Nicholas Rosellini (Italy) was appointed as Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific and most recently also appointed as Director of the Bangkok Regional Hub. Prior to that, Mr Rosellini served as UN Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative in Bhutan (2005-2008); Director, Office of the Assistant and Director, BoM (2000-2005); Deputy Resident Representative, Viet Nam (1996-2000); Assistant Resident Representative, Pakistan (1992-1996); Programme Advisor, Ethiopia (1989-1992) and Programme Officer, Ghana (1986-1989) in the positions of Programme Advisor and Programme Officer respectively.

Mr Rosellini holds a Master's degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Bristol University in the United Kingdom.



## Edward Clarence-Smith

Edward Clarence-Smith, who has been working with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for 15 years, is the Representative and Director of UNIDO's Regional Office for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand. Prior to this posting, Mr Clarence-Smith was the Head of UNIDO's Regional Office for China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, and the Republic of Korea. Prior to this, he worked in UNIDO's Cleaner Production programme and was the Senior Coordinator for all of the Organization's programmes funded by the Global Environmental Facilities (GEF).

Mr Clarence-Smith brought with him to UNIDO a long experience in the environmental field. He worked for 8 years in Italy for Dames & Moore International, an international environmental consultancy company, eventually becoming the CEO for the company's Italian operations. Prior to that, he worked for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in New York; the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

in Paris; the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in Italy; and the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in Washington D.C.

Mr Clarence-Smith, a British and French national, holds an Engineer Degree in Environmental Engineering and an MSc in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA; and a BSc in Chemical Engineering from Edinburgh University in Scotland.



## **Stefanos Fotiou**

Stefanos Fotiou is an accomplished and well renowned Sustainable Development expert with a wealth of experience in the definition, negotiation, and implementation leadership of international policy initiatives and programmes. From 2009 he is serving as Senior Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency in the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. His work covers Sustainable Consumption and Production, Urban Development, relations with the private sector, Green Economy etc. through a programme that provides policy support in several countries in Asia. Prior to this Mr Fotiou was based in Paris and working for the UNEP Division of Technology Industry and Economics, where he was leading the work of the “Tourism and Environment” unit.

Mr Fotiou has also worked as Managing Director in a consultancy company, as evaluation and monitoring expert for the Environment General Directorate of the European Commission, as head of the Sustainable Development unit of the Greek Biotope Wetland Centre, as well as a research associate in the Aristotle University. Mr Fotiou has conceived and managed a number of international initiatives dealing with sustainable development with a total budget of more than US\$ 130 million. He has been involved as a leading expert in the development of national, regional and sector strategies related to sustainable development and his work has been widely published. He also has extensive experience as an educator; he has taught as a visiting lecture for 6 years in the Department of Planning and Management of Natural Resources at the Aristotle University and in the Department of Business Administration at the University of Macedonia.

Mr Fotiou holds a Master Degree in Forestry, a PhD in Environmental Resource Economics a Master in Information Systems and post-graduate certificates in “Economics of Technological and Institutional Change”, “GIS and Remote Sensing”, “Non-linear analysis” “Agro-business Management and Marketing”, “Total Quality Management” and “Inter-cultural Negotiation and Mediation”.



### **David Lamotte**

David Lamotte is the Director of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Office for Pacific Island Countries based in Suva, Fiji. The Office is responsible for supporting nine ILO member States (Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu). In addition, the Office also provides support to non-member States in the region.

David oversees a wide range of work implemented by the Office including: labour law reform; sustainable enterprises development; the elimination of child labour, promotion of gender equality; labour migration and mobility; protecting seafarers; labour market statistics; occupational safety and health; youth employment; and entrepreneurship development.

He has worked for the ILO for more than 25 years, holding many positions including managing technical cooperation projects, as well as managing ILO units and departments. His area of expertise is in the field of job creation and enterprise development where he has extensive technical experience, mainly in Asia and across the Pacific.



### **Pietro Bertazzi**

Pietro Bertazzi joined the GRI Secretariat in 2010. As Senior Manager – Public Policy and International Affairs, his primary focus is to proactively contribute to GRI's full grasp and mastery of the policy field of sustainability reporting. He ensures strong and dynamic resource mobilizations with policy makers and capital markets operators and regulatory bodies as well as international organizations. He has been leading GRI activities related to the Rio+20 Conference and currently engaged in the follow-up, including exploration about the private sector engagement in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)/Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Before joining GRI, Mr Bertazzi worked for the Italian Section and the EU Institutions Liaison Office of Amnesty International on the issues of corporate accountability for human rights violations and International Financial Institutions' impact on human rights. Right before moving to Amsterdam he worked in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Team of a large Italian multinational company.

Mr Bertazzi grew up in the South of Italy and lived in Rome, Strasbourg, Milano, Brussels and Amsterdam. He graduated in Public European and International Law at LUISS University in Rome, Italy. He holds a Master in Management and Governance of Non Profit (LUISS University), a Master in Corporate Citizenship (Fondaca, Sant'Anna di Pisa, Boston College) and a Master in Economics and Management of Environment and Energy (Bocconi University).



## James Kallman

James Kallman is the co-founder of Foundation for International Human Rights Reporting Standards (FIHRRST). A 30-year veteran of emerging markets with business experience in the accounting, consulting and banking professions, Mr Kallman first made his home in Asia in 1985. As President Director of Moores Rowland Indonesia, the nation's fifth largest accounting and audit firm that he founded in 1991, Mr Kallman became increasingly aware of the need for human rights audit to complement financial audit. Working with Marzuki Darusman, chairman and co-founder of FIHRRST, this led to the initial conceptualization of an award-winning human rights audit methodology that has since been further updated and developed to formulate the BHRISC 2011 certification standard. This work has since devolved into other areas of human rights and FIHRRST is intimately involved in the Bandung as a Human Rights City project.

On the personal front, Mr Kallman continues to be regularly quoted in international and business publications, contributing articles on a wide range of subjects, while he recently added another string to his bow in contributing a chapter to the Routledge publication *Business and Human Rights in South East Asia: Risk and the Regulatory Turn*, which was launched in Singapore in November 2014.



## Michael Zimonyi

Michael Zimonyi is Senior Project Officer at the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) with contributions on CDP regional disclosure. He joined CDSB in 2012 to support all aspects of CDSB's work, focusing on policy, communications, the development of digital reporting standards (XBRL) and corporate engagement. CDSB provides an important focus for formalizing and advancing the significant progress CDP has made in developing climate change-related reporting by bringing it into mainstream financial reporting. CDP acts as secretariat to this important global project, advancing its work program in association with leading representatives of the accounting, business, standard setting and regulatory professions.

Prior to joining CDSB, Mr Zimonyi has worked at a global pharmaceutical corporation and at the sustainability think tank Forum for the Future. Mr Zimonyi has a degree in Chemistry with Environmental Science from the University of Birmingham and has been a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry since 2008.



### **Anthony Miller**

Anthony Miller is the Co-Coordinator of the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative and the Focal Point for Corporate Social Responsibility within the Investment and Enterprise Division of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

He has managed the Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative since its launch by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in 2009. In 2011, the initiative was named by Forbes magazine as one of the “world’s best sustainability ideas”.

Dr. Miller is a specialist on CSR, corporate governance and responsible investment, with particular emphasis on how these issues impact developing countries. He is a regular contributor to UNCTAD’s flagship World Investment Report and for over 10 years an annual guest lecturer on CSR and responsible investment at the University of Cambridge.



### **Carson Wen**

Carson Wen is a Director of the Pacific Basin Economic Council and a partner of the global law firm Jones Day. Mr Wen has more than 30 years of experience in business, corporate, and securities law. He is also Chairman of the Sancus Group of companies. Mr Wen was a Singapore Government Scholar at the National Junior College, Singapore. He then studied economics at Columbia University and law at Oxford University.

Mr Wen is a three-term Deputy of the PRC National People's Congress. He is a Justice of the Peace and was also awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) by the HKSAR Government. Mr Wen is Senior Adviser and former Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong (DAB), the largest political party in Hong Kong, and also holds leadership positions in various organizations such as the Pacific Basin Economic Council and the China Africa Business Council of Hong Kong.



### **Asif Ibrahim**

Asif Ibrahim is the former President of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), the largest trade body of Bangladesh.

He is currently the Vice Chairman of Newage Group of Industries in Bangladesh, and Chairman of Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD), a Public Private Dialogue platform to expedite policy reforms to enable private sector led economic growth of Bangladesh. Mr Ibrahim is also on the board of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI). He received his formal education from the University of Delhi (India) and the University of North Texas (USA).

Mr Ibrahim is the Vice Chairman of Newage Group of Industries, a business house involved mainly in manufacturing and exporting ready-made garments, textiles and plastic products. Previously he was on the board of the France Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIFB) and the Bangladesh Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BTCCI). He is also the former Chairman of the research cell of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA). Mr Ibrahim was awarded the Commercially Important Person (CIP) status by the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh in the year 2007 for his contribution in national export.

Asif received his formal education at the University of Delhi (India) and the University of North Texas (USA).



### **Sutheash Balasubramaniam, MBA (Warwick), FCMA (UK), CGMA**

Sutheash Balasubramaniam is a cofounder of Global Strategic Corporate Sustainability (Pvt) Ltd, a Blue Ocean Sustainability led industry strategic partner for differentiating and achieving results.

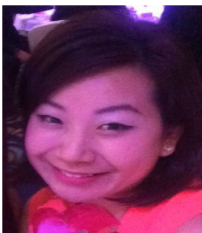
He has completed the Postgraduate Certificate Program on Sustainable Value Chain at the Cambridge University, UK in 2015.

Mr Balasubramaniam is the Sri Lanka Network Representative of UN Global Compact since 2012 and has made presentations at international/regional meetings including at the Rio+20 Summit in Brazil in 2012.

Mr Balasubramaniam has over 30 years of corporate experience of which 25 years has been with Hayleys Group, a Sri Lankan MNC, serving in C-Suite capacities across varied sectors ranging from agriculture, manufacturing to a service sector business. He has been the head of Group's Strategic planning & Business development and the first CEO of the Shared Services & BPO set up by Hayleys. He has worked with ICI Sri Lanka and Ernst & Young prior to joining Hayleys.

Mr Balasubramaniam was First Chairman of the reconstituted Sri Lanka Governance Board of the Chartered Institute Management Accountants UK in 2010. Prior to that he served as a Council Member of CIMA Sri Lanka and chaired of several committees. In recognition of his contribution, CIMA UK awarded him the prestigious Institute Silver Medal in 2014.

Mr Balasubramaniam has served as a Member of the Governing Council of the National Institute of Business Management, Sri Lanka and General Council of Sri Lanka Association of Software and Service Companies (SLASSCOM). He serves as a Member of the Export Development Board Advisory Committee of ICT/BPO Sector in Sri Lanka since 2013.



### **Janet Neo**

Ms Janet Neo is the Regional Sustainability Lead of HEINEKEN Asia Pacific. In the last five years, she has spearheaded Asia Pacific Breweries Limited and HEINEKEN's sustainability strategy "Brewing a Better World", award-winning sustainability reports and campaigns across 21 countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Prior to that, Janet spent some years in the Singapore public service sector in the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports. She headed the President's Charity Challenge to promote national philanthropy and volunteerism, raising \$10million annually for 40 local charities. Earlier in her career, she had a stint with Up with People, a US-based international education non-profit organization, where she led a social research study on cultural intelligence and implemented CSR, fundraising and community engagement projects across 11 countries in USA, Europe and Asia.

Janet holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Sociology from the National University of Singapore, University Scholars Programme. Janet also spent some time in Silicon Valley and studied in Stanford University under the NUS Overseas College programme.





### Aman ul Haque

Aman ul Haque heads Engro Foundation for Engro Corporation in Karachi, Pakistan. Engro is one of Pakistan's leading and most respected corporations and operates in diverse sectors such as agri-business, petrochemicals, energy, trading and the food sector.

Started in 2009, the Foundation has social investments in community and agri value chain related projects across Pakistan. The Foundation has also been involved in extremely important projects such as building a model village with solar lighting after the floods in 2010, setting up a technical vocational training center in Northern Sindh and creating women entrepreneurs in rural areas through USAID funding for Engro's milk collection supply chain.

Prior to working in Pakistan, Aman ul Haque worked in the UK for KPMG in its transaction services department advising private equity and corporate clients. He also has worked for a management consulting firm in Chicago where he worked for several financial services clients on strategy related projects.

Aman ul Haque graduated from Northwestern University in 1998 with a BSc in Political Science and Communication Studies.



### Gilad Regev

Gilad Regev is the Founder and CEO of Windfire, a pan-European distributed energy company. His two decade career began focusing on cross-border M&A nonrenewable energy, real estate, and telecom advisory deals in Northern Europe and Russia, which led to his investments in renewable and distributed energy solutions.

Mr Regev holds a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the Technion in Haifa and an MBA with Honors from BI of Norway.



### Michael Greenslade

Michael Greenslade is the Trade Commissioner for Pacific Trade & Invest (PT & I) based in Auckland New Zealand. PT & I is the International Trade and Investment organisation of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat which itself is based in Suva Fiji.

Mr Greenslade has spent 12 years working in fields of Economic Development and Trade & Investment in the Pacific working for the New Zealand Governments Economic Development Agency New Zealand Trade & Enterprise (NZTE). During this time, together with his family, he spent 5 years living in Suva Fiji.

Mr Greenslade's previous background was Commercial with the Private Sector where he has worked in a hands on capacity in a range of business functions including Advisory, Governance, Strategy, General Management, Export Marketing and Supply Chain Management. He has had specific sector experience in Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Manufacturing and ICT.

Mr Greenslade is a life member of the Fiji New Zealand Business Council and currently sits on the executive of 6 Auckland based Pacific Business Councils. He has a Masters of Business Administration specialising in International Trade.



## George Yuen

George Yuen is currently an independent Non-Executive Director of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia).

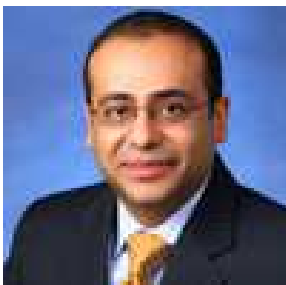
He is also a member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong and a fellow of the Center for Social Innovation from Stanford University, USA.

Mr Yuen is active in social services in the non-profit sector; he is a co-founder and vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Society for the Aged, the largest organization serving the elderly in Hong Kong. Besides, Mr Yuen had been the Chief Executive of the Better Hong Kong Foundation, a leading non-partisan, non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion of Hong Kong in Asia Pacific and beyond.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr Yuen was a directorate member of the Hong Kong Information Services Department, where he led the government's overseas public relations programs; he served the government for 25 years. Previously, Mr Yuen held a marketing management position at Nestlé's.

Mr Yuen obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Hong Kong and received his postgraduate education in International Management and Public Administration at Harvard, INSEAD, Oxford and Stanford, throughout his career.

Mr Yuen is also on the Board Director of Visteon Corporation, which is a leading global automotive supplier and manufacturer, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and a Fortune 300 company with operations in 30 countries employing 55,000 people.



## Raghu Narain

Raghu Narain brings over 17 years of experience in banking, corporate and development finance and economic policy advisory. Currently, Mr Narain is a Managing Director and the Head of Sector Advisory in RBS Asia. Prior to working in Asia, Mr Narain was at Bank of America in New York where he was a Director responsible for M&A and capital raising activities for the Global Transportation and Logistics Group. Raghu began his investment banking career with Salomon Smith Barney / Citigroup in New York.

In addition to Banking, Mr Narain has also worked in the field of development finance at the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), where he undertook Project Appraisal and MSME Financing activities. In this role, Mr Narain has advised leading development agencies, governments and private institutions. His work has been published in the HIID Development Discussion Paper series. Mr Narain has complete projects in 15 countries over his career.

Mr Narain completed his Masters degree from Harvard University. He holds MPA, MBA and BA degrees from the United States. He is a member of the International Honor Society of Beta Gamma Sigma, and has often been highlighted and published in leading industry publications like Marine Money, Drillers and Dealers Digest and The Daily Deal for his achievements in the field of financial services.





## Manuel Rybach

Dr. Manuel Rybach is a Managing Director of Credit Suisse in the Chairman's Office, based in Hong Kong. He is Head of International Relations and is also responsible for the management of the Credit Suisse Research Institute. He is also Global Head of Corporate Citizenship and Foundations. In his regional role, Mr Rybach serves as Head of Public Policy Asia Pacific.

Previously, he was Chief of Staff to the CEO Asia Pacific, based in Hong Kong, and he was Head of Governmental Affairs, based in Zurich. He has also been based in Singapore and Washington, DC, working on public policy issues. He started his career at Credit Suisse in the Economic Research department, where he was a Senior Economist.

Dr Rybach holds a doctorate degree from the University of St. Gallen (HSG), where he also earned an M.A. in economics, law, and political science (lic.rer.publ. HSG). He was a Swiss National Science Foundation scholarship recipient and a visiting scholar at both Columbia University Law School and Georgetown University Law Center. He also completed an Executive Program at the Harvard Kennedy School and studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). He is a Lecturer at the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). He is member of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Agenda Council on the Future of Financing and Capital and the WEF's Steering Committee on Promoting Global Financial Inclusion.



## Rokia Afzal Rahman

Rokia Afzal Rahman is Chairperson of Arlinks Limited, an engineering and services company distributing power to the end users in Dhaka city and its adjacent areas. Rokia is also Chairperson and Managing Director of R.R. Cold Storage Ltd., and R.R. Real Estates Ltd.

Currently, Ms Afzal Rahman holds various senior positions including Chair of Mediaworld Ltd.; Chair of MIDAS Financing Ltd.; Director of ABC Radio; and President of Bangladesh Federation of Woman Entrepreneurs.

Ms Afzal Rahman started her career in banking and at that time, became the first woman bank manager in East Pakistan. She has also held the position of Director of Bangladesh Bank and was President of the Bangladesh Employers' Federation. She also served as a Board Member of the Central Bank of Bangladesh.

In addition, Ms Afzal Rahman is a former advisor to the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in 2001 and Founding Chairperson of Presidency University.

Ms Afzal Rahman has been committed to development work for many years.



### **Bordin Unakuil**

Bordin Unakuil is the Executive Vice President, The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and has over 25 years of experience in the capital market and banking industry. He joined SET in 2011 as Executive Vice President. He is now the chief operating officer responsible for all operation and corporate services which include Market Operations, Corporate Communications, Human Resources, Procurement and Administration Department. In addition, he is also an Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Center, which comprises of the Corporate Governance Center (CG Center) and the Social Responsibility Center (SR Center), with a key mission of promoting sustainable development of the Thai capital market. Prior to joining SET, Mr Bordin worked for Bangkok Bank plc as an Executive Vice President rotated through numerous areas within the Bank.

He has completed the Directors Certification Program from Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD), is an alumni of Capital Market Academy from The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and is active as board member setting up Thai Financial Planners Association in Thailand.

Mr Bordin earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Hanover College, Indiana, USA and MBA in Marketing Management from Western Michigan University, Michigan, USA.



### **Thomas Thomas**

Thomas Thomas is the CEO of the ASEAN CSR Network, a network of CSR networks in ASEAN to achieve a responsible business community in ASEAN. Thomas was the founding Executive Director of the Singapore Compact for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the national CSR society in Singapore. He was also the Singapore focal point for UN Global Compact.

Mr Thomas was involved in the ISO26000 process from the beginning in 2004 and worked as a member of the ISO's Post Production Organisation responsible for monitoring and providing guidance on the implementation of the standard. Mr Thomas had been active with trade unions, co-operatives, the consumer movement and social enterprises and also served as a Nominated Member of Parliament in Singapore.



### **Pooran Pandey**

Pooran Chandra Pandey currently heads Global Compact Network India as its Executive Director. He holds an M.A in Philosophy from the University of Allahabad, Allahabad, an M. Phil in International Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and a diploma in Public Diplomacy from Swedish Institute, Stockholm, besides having obtained advanced training and global mid-career management programs from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Asian Productivity organization, Tokyo, Japan and Fiji Productivity Board, Fiji. He is also a British Chevening Scholar at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK.

Some of the key leadership positions that Mr Pandey has held over the years include: Executive Assistant to Vice Chairman, Ispat Industries Limited, Assistant Secretary General, Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India, Chief Executive Officer of Voluntary Action Network India and Director of Times Foundation, Times of India Group.



## Shahamin S. Zaman

Shahamin S. Zaman is an economist and has over 20 years of development sector experience with international organizations including Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Ashoka Foundation, CIDA, Actionaid, UNDP, DFID and others in private sector development, agriculture, gender, health & population and education. She has also led teams on fundraising, partnership development, international communications, resource mobilization, child sponsorship and research monitoring and evaluation. In her professional capacity she is a leader in management systems and organizational development and an expert on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as well as private sector engagement and multi-stakeholder dialogue. Her experience ranges in facilitating dialogues with development partners including donors, NGOs, INGOs. CSO, private sector and policy advocacy with Government.

Ms Zaman advocates for CSR at national, regional and international levels to promote responsible business practices and link these to the global agenda for sustainable development. As UNGC Focal Point in Bangladesh she has initiated multi-stakeholder discussions on the UNGC Principles including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, Child Rights & Business Principles, Women Empowerment Principles, etc. Her work involves public – private dialogue and engagement towards sustainable development goals. She is a member of the UN Working Committee on Business & Human Rights and on the board of various national organizations.

