



Meet the Speakers

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HOST & MODERATOR

MUSONDA MUMBA

CHIEF OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS UNIT, UNEP

Musonda Mumba is currently Head of UNEP Terrestrial Ecosystems Team, with over 20 years' experience in environmental and conservation issues globally. She recently became the new Chair of the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR). In her role, she provides strategic leadership on Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) Approaches, Policy support to Governments globally, developing appropriate Policy dialogue and strategic direction around Terrestrial Ecosystems. She has published widely in various journals, newspapers and articles. She received PhD at University College London in wetland conservation and hydrology.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DAVID NABARRO

STRATEGIC DIRECTOR AND CHAIR OF GLOBAL HEALTH AT IMPERIAL'S INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION

David Nabarro supports systems leadership for sustainable development through his Swiss-based social enterprise 4SD and is the Co-Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London. From February 2020, David has worked as Special Envoy of WHO Director General on COVID-19.

David secured his medical qualification in 1974 and has worked in over 50 countries – in communities and hospitals, governments, civil society, universities, and in United Nations (UN) programs. David was a senior officer in the British government civil service in the 1990s ending up as Chief Health and Population Adviser and Director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development. From 1999 to 2017 he held leadership roles in the UN system, starting with the World Health Organization, on malaria, disease outbreaks, environmental health and emergencies, food insecurity and nutrition. He ended up as Special Adviser and Under-Secretary-General for climate change and sustainable development in office of the UN Secretary-General.

David was appointed co-facilitator of the Nature-based Solutions workstream for the UN Secretary-General's September 2019 Climate Action Summit. He is chairing a forum on Climate Change and Health for the World Innovation Summit for Health in November 2020.



SPEAKER

H.E. LEE WHITE

MINISTER OF WATER AND FORESTS, GABONESE REPUBLIC

Prior to becoming Minister, he served as the Director of the Gabonese National Parks Agency for 10 years having previously spent almost 20 years with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). Under his direction, the Gabonese National Parks Agency became a paramilitary force working alongside the army and the police to ensure sound governance of natural resources and to stop all forms of ivory trafficking, illegal fisheries, illegal gold mining and forestry including other forms of trafficking. Professor White is an Honorary Professor at the University of Stirling. In 2010, he was awarded a CBE for his services to conservation in Central Africa. His career in the West and Central African forest belt spans 35 years.



SPEAKER

PETER DASZAK

PRESIDENT, ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Dr. Peter Daszak is President of EcoHealth Alliance, a US-based organization that conducts research and outreach on global health, conservation and international development. Dr. Daszak's research is focused on the origins and impact of emerging diseases, and includes identifying the bat origin of SARS, the drivers of Nipah virus emergence, publishing the first global emerging disease 'hotspots' map, discovering SARS coronavirus, launching the Global Virome Project, identifying the first case of a disease causing species extinction, and discovering chytridiomycosis as the cause global amphibian declines. Dr. Daszak is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, Chair of the NASEM's Forum on Microbial Threats, and a member of the NRC Advisory Committee to the US Global Change Research Program.



SPEAKER

CHRISTIAN WALZER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HEALTH, GLOBAL PROGRAMS, WCS

Dr. Chris Walzer is the Exec. Director of Health at the Wildlife Conservation Society. He is a board-certified wildlife veterinarian, professor of Conservation Medicine, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria. Author of more than 100 research publications, numerous book chapters, lecturing widely on health and conservation. Chris has an internationally recognized diverse expertise in working with wildlife, especially on the human-livestock-wildlife interfaces, gained from combined years of leadership and research in Europe, Asia and Africa. Chris is the recipient of several research and service awards most notably the Distinguished Environmentalist Award from the Mongolian Ministry of Nature and Environment.



SPEAKER

CARTER ROBERTS

PRESIDENT AND CEO, WWF USA

Carter Roberts is President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund in the United States, the world's largest network of international conservation organizations, works across 100 countries and enjoys the support of 6 million members worldwide. Roberts leads WWF in creating initiatives that combine science, market signals, and the wisdom of communities to protect the natural resources upon which all life depends. He has worked with communities and heads of state in North America, Africa, Latin America and Asia; and has built partnerships with some of the world's largest corporations. Roberts received his MBA from Harvard Business School following a BA from Princeton University.



SPEAKER

H.E. DR. RAJIV KUMAR

VICE CHAIRMAN-MINISTER, NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR TRANSFORMING INDIA (NITI AAYOG), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Dr. Rajiv Kumar took over as Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, in the rank and status of a Cabinet Minister, on 1 September 2017. He also serves as the Chancellor of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. He has wide experience of having worked in government, academia, industry as well as in multilateral institutions. He was a professor at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi and worked with the Asian Development Bank, Manila for 10 years. His earlier stint in Government of India (1989-1994) was initially with the Ministry of Industry and subsequently in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, as Economic Adviser (1991-1994). He also served as an independent director on the Central Board of RBI and SBI. Dr. Kumar has a Ph.D. in Economics from Lucknow University and a D. Phil. From Oxford University.

SPEAKER

H.E. IZABELLA TEIXEIRA

CO-CHAIR AND FORMER MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT OF BRAZIL, INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE PANEL/UNEP



Mrs. Izabella Mônica Vieira Teixeira is a native Brazilian. She holds a B.Sc. in Biological Sciences from the University of Brasília, and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Energy Planning from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She is also a specialist in Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Management, Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Licensing. She was Brazil's Minister of the Environment (2010 - 2016). From 2008 to 2010, she was the Deputy Minister of the Environment. As a career public servant, Mrs. Teixeira holds a position at the Brazilian Institute for the Environment and Natural Resources (IBAMA), since 1984. She had also held several high-level management and advisory positions as Head of IBAMA's Environmental Quality Dept., Task Leader of the National Environmental Program (with the World Bank), of the National Program on Chemicals, and the Pantanal Wetlands Program (with the Inter-American Development Bank). She also held positions at the State of Rio de Janeiro as Supervisor of Environmental Studies, Task Leader of the Clean-up Program of the Guanabara Bay, Chief of Staff of Rio's Secretariat for the Environment and Undersecretary for the Environment. Today she works as private consultant in environmental and climate change issues.



SPEAKER

RENU MITTAL

PROGRAM OFFICER, WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION

Renu is a program officer in the Environment Program's oceans initiative. She manages the foundation's grantmaking in Chile and Peru, where the foundation works closely with fishermen, industry leaders, local communities, the government and scientists to put in place the policies and practices that improve fisheries management and sustain fishing communities. Previously Renu was a program officer at the Helmsley Charitable Trust where she led the conservation program in Madagascar, Galápagos, and marine. Her focus included effective management and expansion of marine and terrestrial protected areas, promotion of locally managed marine areas, sustainable fisheries and tourism, and creation of sustainable livelihoods. Renu holds a master's degree in Global Affairs from Rutgers University and bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University.

SPEAKER

ALADE ADELEKE

**DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST,
NIGERIA**



Alade Adeleke is an Ecologist and Natural Resource Management Specialist. Mr. Adeleke began his biodiversity conservation career in 1990 as the pioneer Project Manager of Lekki Conservation Centre, Lagos, Nigeria and later Okomu Wildlife Sanctuary (now Okomu National Park) in Edo State, Nigeria. He was a Regional Manager for the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) in the South east office, Calabar between 2002 and 2004. In 2004 Adeleke was the Specialist in charge of Conservation for the USAID sponsored Sustainable Practices in Agriculture for Critical Environment between 2004 and 2007. He became the Director of Technical Programmes of NCF in 2007 and was the Acting Executive Director of the Foundation between 2012 and 2015. Mr. Adeleke is currently an Independent Consultant on Biodiversity and Rural Enterprise Development and the Executive Director of the Environmental Management and Development Trust and. As part of his leadership of EMADET, the organization won the prestigious UNDP Equator Award on local solutions for climate change mitigation in 2019.



SPEAKER

BAMBI SEMROC

INTERIM SVP, CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE LANDS AND WATERS, CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Bambi Semroc is Interim SVP of the Center for Sustainable Lands and Waters at Conservation International. The Center brings together key elements of sustainable production, water, incentives, and sustainability in priority landscapes and seascapes. She leads the Sustainable Coffee Challenge, a sector-wide effort to make coffee the world's first sustainable agricultural product. Ms. Semroc has been at Conservation International for more than 15 years, always focusing on sustainable agriculture. She engages leading retailers and consumer goods companies on sustainable agriculture programs designed to maintain critical natural capital, mitigate climate change, and increase the resiliency of farmers to shocks while maintaining productivity. Semroc works to ensure that these companies have the information and tools necessary to integrate natural capital and ecosystem service considerations into decision-making processes. Throughout this time, she has worked in collaboration with companies such as Starbucks Coffee Company, Walmart, McDonald's, Nestle, and The Coca-Cola Company. Prior to Conservation International, Ms. Semroc worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer in northern Togo. She holds a master's degree in International Development from American University and a bachelor's degree in English and French from Indiana University.



SPEAKER

SHIRLEY RODRIGUES

DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY, CITY OF LONDON

Ms. Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy
Shirley Rodrigues was appointed as London Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy in October 2016. Previously she oversaw a global climate change grants portfolio at the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) developing their cities and climate strategy, and has devised and delivered new environmental policies and programmes in London, nationally and internationally. She is now working to deliver the Mayor's vision of making London greener, cleaner and healthier through implementing his London Environment Strategy. This includes ambitious programmes to reduce air pollution across London including the implementation of the world's first Ultra Low Emission Zone, tackle the climate and ecological emergency and help the capital become a zero waste city. A key focus is on ensuring London's economic and social recovery from the impacts of Covid-19 is a green and fair one.



SPEAKER

LORA FLEMING

**DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH,
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER MEDICAL SCHOOL, TRUTO CORNWALL UK**

Professor Lora E Fleming is a physician and epidemiologist with expertise in the environment and human health; she is based at the European Centre for Environment and Human Health [www.ecehh.org] (University of Exeter Medical School). Professor Fleming is involved research, training and policy activities in the new transdisciplinary area within Planetary Health of Ocean and Human Health. She has received the Ocean and Human Awards from the Edouard Delcroix Foundation (2014) and the IOC Bruun Award (2015). Prof Fleming is leading the H2020 funded Projects, BlueHealth (<https://bluehealth2020.eu>) to explore the connections between blue environments and human health; and Seas, Oceans and Public Health in Europe (SOPHIE) (<https://sophie2020.eu>) to establish a network and create a strategic research agenda for Ocean and Human Health in Europe and beyond.



SPEAKER

RICHARD ELLIS

**VICE PRESIDENT, CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, WALGREENS BOOTS
ALIANCE**

Richard has spent the past 40 years working for a range of Companies on all aspects of the CSR agenda. The early part of his career was spent in Banking before becoming involved in CSR after the Inner City riots of the early 1980s. After this involvement he held CSR related positions at HSBC, TSB, British Aerospace and ran his own CSR consultancy for five years. In 2003 he joined Boots and became responsible for all the Company's CSR activities. Following the merger between Boots and Alliance UniChem and the subsequent Private Equity Buy Out he was appointed Director of CSR. 2014 saw the creation of Walgreens Boots Alliance following the merger between Walgreens in the USA and Alliance Boots. He has been responsible for this agenda since then.