



Meet the Speakers

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HOST & MODERATOR
SANDRINE DIXSON-DECLÈVE
CO-PRESIDENT, CLUB OF ROME

Sandrine was recognised by GreenBiz as one of the 30 most influential women across the globe driving change in the low carbon economy and promoting green business. She is the first female Co-President of the Club of Rome (1968), sits on several Boards, is a senior advisor/associate for CISL, ETC, Interel, E3G, and is a lecturer at the University of Cambridge. She holds several advisory positions within the European Commission including Chair of DG R&I Think Tank ESIR (Economic and Societal Implications of Research and Innovation); Co-Chair, Manufacturing Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance/Taxonomy; Member of the Climate Change Mission Assembly.



SPEAKER
JOSÉ ÁNGEL GURRÍA TREVIÑO
SECRETARY-GENERAL ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

As Secretary-General of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 2006. He has broadened OECD's membership with the accession of Chile, Estonia, Israel, Latvia and Slovenia, and has made the Organisation more inclusive by strengthening its links with key emerging economies. Under his watch, the OECD is leading the effort to reform the international tax system, and to improve governance frameworks in anti-corruption and other fields. He has also heralded a new growth narrative that promotes the well-being of people, including women, gender and youth, and has scaled up the OECD contribution to the global agenda, including the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals.



SPEAKER

BAN KI MOON

FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL UN

In 2019, Mr. Ban was elected as the Chairman of Presidential National Council on Climate and Air Quality. In 2018, Mr. Ban was elected as the Chairman of Boao Forum for Asia, President of the Assembly & Chair of the Council of Global Green Growth Institute and was inducted as Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Ban was also elected as Chairman of IOC Ethics Committee 2017. Currently, he is the Distinguished Chair Professor and Honorary Chairman at the Institute of Global Engagement & Empowerment at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Prior to these appointments, Mr. Ban served two consecutive terms as the Secretary General of the United Nations (2007-2016). Throughout his tenure at the UN, he strove to be a bridge builder, to give voice to the world's poorest and the most vulnerable people, and to make the Organization more transparent and effective.



SPEAKER

PAOLO GENTILONI

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMY

Paolo Gentiloni is the European Commissioner for Economy since December 2019. He served as Prime Minister of Italy (2016- 2018), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2014-2016), Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (2013-2014) and Minister of Communications (2006-2008). Previously he was Spokesperson for the Margherita Party (2002-2007), Chairman of the Broadcasting Services Watchdog Committee (2005-2006), Spokesperson for the Mayor of Rome and Commissioner in the City of Rome (1993-2000). Previously he worked as a professional journalist. Born in 1954, Gentiloni graduated in Political Sciences from La Sapienza, Rome.



SPEAKER

H.E. MOHAMMAD MAHMOOD ABUBAKAR

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar was born on 30th December, 1958 in Tudun-Wada, Kaduna South of Kaduna State. He obtained his Bachelor & Masters Degrees in Microbiology and Natural Resources Management respectively from Central Washington University, Ellensburg and Ph.D in Watersheds Management from the University of Arizona, USA. He worked in various organizations as Environmental Health Inspector, Industrial Hygienist and Waste Investigator all in USA. Apart from belonging to various professional bodies, he was a former Member of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Deputy Director Field operations - APC Presidential Campaign Council, National Chairman Buhari Support Organizations, and Chairman Universal Basic Education Board.



SPEAKER

OLIVER GREENFIELD

CONVENER, GREEN ECONOMY COALITION

Oliver Greenfield leads the Green Economy Coalition, www.greeneconomycoalition.org, the world's largest multi-stakeholder alliance committed to the transition to green and fair economies. Made up of over 50 organisations, the Coalition brings together NGOs, business, research and international bodies who are united by a vision of prosperity for all within the limits of the planet. The Coalition's purpose is to accelerate the transition to green economies by building evidence, tracking the status of the global transition and convening diverse stakeholders around shared policy goals.



SPEAKER

ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM

CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND LAND REFORM OF SCOTLAND

Ms. Cunningham was elected to the House of Commons in the Perth and Kinross by-election in 1995, was re-elected in 1997 and subsequently stood successfully for the Scottish Parliament in 1999. She stood down from Westminster in 2001. She held a number of local and national offices in the SNP, including Deputy Leader from 2000-2004. She has remained a member of the Scottish Parliament from 1999 to present and has been a Committee Convener for the Justice Committee, the Health Committee and the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee. She became Minister for the Environment in 2009 and Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training in November 2014.



SPEAKER

H.E. ANDREA MEZA MURILLO

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COSTA RICA

Andrea Meza is the current Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, and an expert in sustainable development with more than 20 years of experience in formulating public policies and executing projects. She has worked in more than 15 Latin American countries in multidisciplinary projects financed by various multilateral organizations (IDB, World Bank, CAF, European Union, UNDP), bilateral (AECID, GIZ) and National governments.



SPEAKER

ANUELA RISTANI

DEPUTY MAYOR CITY OF TIRANA, ALBANIA

Anuela Ristani is the Deputy Mayor of Tirana in charge of International Affairs and Sustainable Development. She joined the City in 2015 as Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Erion Veliaj, and was appointed Deputy after he was re-elected in 2019. During her work for the city she has overseen the Green City Action Plan, the Tirana Child Friendly agenda and the Resilience and Sustainability strategies. Prior to joining local government she established the National Youth Service where she also co-founded RYCO - Regional Youth Cooperation Office with the participation of the six Western Balkan Countries.



SPEAKER

SIMON STIELL

**MINISTER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE, ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY, FISHERIES, AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA**

Simon is a senior minister in the Government of Grenada and is currently the Minister for Climate Resilience, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, and Disaster Management. He previously served as Minister for Education and Human Resource Development, Minister of State with responsibility for Human Resource Development and the Environment, and as a Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry and Fisheries. Simon is also a member of Grenada's Upper House of Parliament, the Senate, where he currently serves as Leader of Government Business. Before returning to Grenada, Simon had a successful career within the technology sector, holding senior executive positions in industry leading companies.



SPEAKER

SIMON ZADEK

CHAIR, FINANCE FOR BIODIVERSITY

Dr. Simon Zadek is Chair of Financing for Biodiversity (F4B), a pop-up research, advocacy and grant-making platform focused on making biodiversity relevant to financial decision-making. He is Sherpa of the UN Secretary General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the Sustainable Development Goals, based at the United Nations Development Program. He is Chair of the Board of the Migrant Nation Foundation, an international initiative focused on opening digital livelihood opportunities for the growing numbers of people forcibly displaced. He has founded, run and advised many multi-stakeholder initiatives, including the Sea the Future initiative, the Global Network Initiative, the Ethical Trading Initiative.