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Kerstin Stendahl is the Deputy Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Kerstin has been a lead figure in promoting gender equality and raising gender issues in environmental organizations. She worked at the Ministry of the Environment in Finland, in the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and for the Nordic Council of Ministers. She was one of three co-chairs for the intergovernmental process on synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. In 2012, she took up office as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions before moving to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in January 2017. Throughout her career she has focused specific attention on gender issues, including as a member of various government committees, by highlighting and developing training opportunities and award schemes as well as emphasizing gender aspects of recruitment policies and practices. Kerstin has a major in International Law from Åbo Akademi University in Finland.

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