



Growth in What? Prosperity for People through ecosystem Health and Inclusive Wealth

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Biographies

Barry GARDINER

Barry Gardiner is a British Labour Party politician who has been the Member of Parliament (MP) for Brent North since 1997. He served as a junior minister in the Northern Ireland Office, the Department for Productivity, Energy and Industry, the Department of Trade and Industry and finally in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Barry Gardiner was appointed as Shadow Minister for the Natural Environment and Fisheries in July 2013. He had previously held the role of Minister for Biodiversity in the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs in 2006 and 2007, and had served as Ed Miliband's Special Envoy for Environment and Climate Change between 2011 to 2013.

Pushpam KUMAR

Pushpam Kumar is Chief, Ecosystem Services Economics Unit, Division of Environment Programme Implementation at UNEP, where he works on mainstreaming of natural capital including ecosystem services into development policy. Currently, he provides leadership to a number of initiatives. He leads the Proecoserv project supported by Global Environment Fund (GEF), coordinates Inclusive Wealth Report, leads Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Partnerships Assessment and Valuation of Land Degradation and Co-Chairs the Policy and Technical Expert Committee (PTEC) of the World Bank-led Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES).

Pushpam holds a Ph.D in Environmental Economics and is Honorary Research Scientist at the Earth Institute of Columbia University in New York . He is member of UNEP Steering Committee for New Enquiry on Greening the Financial Systems, member of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental Accounts (UNCEEAA) New York, Advisory Board member of the Gulbenkia Ocean Initiative (Lisbon) and is closely involved in designing and conceptualisation of UNEPs Green Economy 2.. Dr Kumar is a key member of the Steering Group from UNEP side contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process.

In the past, Pushpam has served as the scientific coordinator of the conceptual framework for the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) and a member of Expert Panel of the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA), UK (2008-11). Pushpam was closely associated with the 2007 Nobel peace prize winning IPCC where he served as the



Lead Author for the Fourth Assessment of the IPCC (Mitigation). He was co-coordinating lead author and coordinator of Responses Working Group of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA).

Paul VAN GARDINGEN

Paul van Gardingen is the Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA), a global interdisciplinary research programme funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), as part of the UK's Living with Environmental Change partnership. The programme aims to deliver high-quality, cutting-edge research that will improve understanding of the way ecosystems function, the services they provide and their relationship with the political economy and sustainable growth.

Paul van Gardingen is also Professor of International Development, at the University of Edinburgh; Director, Edinburgh International Development Centre; UNESCO Chair of International Development; Senior Advisor on impact to the ESRC-DFID Joint Research Scheme for International Development (Poverty Reduction)

Paul van Gardingen's research emphasises ensuring that science, technology and innovation contribute to global international development. He has extensive research and fieldwork experience in southeast Asia and Africa, with a focus on biodiversity and ecosystem services; forests and forest management; evidence-based policy for development; evaluation and impact assessment, food security.

In addition to his work promoting the role of science for development he has conducted research on the links between ecosystem services and development working with the UK's Department for International Development, the European Commission, The World Bank and the UK's Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.

He has a doctorate in plant physiology from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, and has written or co-written 30 books or book chapters and published more than 40 other scientific publications.

Michel TSCHIRREN

Michel Tschirren is policy advisor for Green Economy and Trade at the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN).

Prior to joining the Environment Ministry he worked as a short term consultant at the World Bank and in field projects in Egypt with the Institute for Ecopreneurship of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland and the Egyptian National Cleaner Production Center.

Michel is an economist and holds a Master of Arts and Science in Sustainable Development.



In the context of Green Economy / Green Growth and Trade he attends as a Swiss delegate different committees and follows initiatives at different international institutions like the UNEP, UNECE and the OECD.

Kookie HABTEGABER

Kookie is WWF International global lead for green economy. In this role she is responsible for leading the development, alignment and implementation of the WWF Network green economy strategic plan, providing policy, advocacy, capacity support to the WWF network, as well as building and maintaining external partnerships on green economy agenda. Before joining WWF, Kookie worked as a management consultant focusing on sustainable finance and corporate responsibility. Most recently, she led and coordinated the launch and roadmap development for the Natural Capital Declaration. In this role, she worked closely with a wide array of financial institutions, governments, NGOs and Corporates. Previously, Kookie worked as an economist focusing on international trade and sustainable development.

Kookie holds an MSc in International Economics from University of Maastricht, an MBA in Strategic Carbon Management and Climate Change from the University of East Anglia and a diploma in management consultancy from the Institute of Consulting/ Chartered Management Institute in the UK.

Steven STONE

Steven is the Chief of the Economics and Trade Branch, part of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, at UNEP, a post he has held since 2010, where he directs a team dedicated to furthering the knowledge base and outreach and support to countries on environmental and resource economics as key components of economic and trade policy. Some of the key flagships under his leadership include the Green Economy Initiative, the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), and the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), among others.

Prior to joining UNEP, Steven worked at the Inter-American Development Bank, serving in a number of capacities from Resource Economist in Washington to Environmental Specialist in the Bank's offices in both Jamaica and Ecuador to Country Representative in Honduras. Before joining IDB, Steven led field research in Brazil as part of the team at the Instituto do Homem e Meio Ambiente in Belem, Para for a number of years. He has also worked at the World Bank on resource and agricultural economics with Uma Lele, among others.

Steven earned an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Resource Economics from Cornell University, following his B.A. with Honors from Swarthmore College. He has authored and co-authored numerous journal articles and blogs in the field of environmental and resource economics, and in addition to his ongoing responsibilities at UNEP also serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for International Environmental Studies at the Graduate Institute in Geneva.