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## Addressing Sustainability through Procurement World Environment Day 2015 Roundtable

### Biographies

#### **Steven STONE, UNEP**

Steven Stone is the Chief of the Economics and Trade Branch, part of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), a post he has held since 2010. Some of the key flagships under his leadership include the Green Economy Initiative and the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) among others.

Prior to joining UNEP, Mr. Stone worked at the Inter-American Development Bank and also 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. In addition, He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for International Environmental Studies at the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

Mr. Stone earned an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Resource Economics from Cornell University, following his B.A. with Honors from Swarthmore College.

#### **Anders AEROE, ITC**

Anders Aeroe joined the International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva, in 2007 and has been Director of the Division of Market Development since March 2011. During his professional career, Anders has focused on the interrelated topics of trade development at enterprise, organisational and policy level, trade intelligence, and industrial transformation, learning and innovation among others.

Before joining ITC, Mr. Aeroe spent a number of years in South Africa, as a regional adviser to the Danish Industrialisation Fund for Developing Countries and prior to this position as Senior Manager Trade Promotion at the Western Cape Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (WESGRO). Prior to moving to South Africa, he held positions as Head of the Research and Policy Section at the Danish Association of Engineers and Export Manager at the Danish Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises.

Mr. Aeroe holds a PhD in industrial economics from Copenhagen Business School.



**Rasmus VALANKO, WBCSD**

Rasmus Valanko is a manager for Climate & Energy with the Geneva-based World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). In this role he coordinates private sector cooperation aiming to create and scale-up business solutions across the main mitigation levers and resilience building measures.

He began his career working for the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Environment of Finland both in overseas development cooperation and multilateral environmental treaties. Prior to joining the WBCSD, Mr. Valanko worked 7 years for Royal Dutch Shell first in procurement and later on global climate change and CO2 policy as well as their alternative energies strategy. Given his background, He moves easily between business, technical and policy worlds and can provide a unique perspective on the role of procurement in transforming energy supply and demand, to create a net zero emissions society.

Mr. Valanko has a Masters in Environment, Politics and Globalization from King's College London.

**Isabelle MARRAS, Sustainable UN**

Isabella Marras, Sustainable UN coordinator, has been working with UNEP since 1997. Her areas of expertise cover sustainable production and consumption, sustainable events, environment management systems and sustainability communications. Isabella is currently the Coordinator of the Sustainable UN facility.

Established in 2008, SUN manages and supports the UN inter agency network in on Environmental Sustainability Management and leads the UN's efforts to measure and reduce the environmental impact of its facilities and operations. The SUN team is made up of individuals based in Geneva, Stockholm, New York, Freiburg, Nairobi and London. Whilst much of SUN's work goes on behind the scenes – securing a mandate, ensuring environmental considerations are factored into key UN initiatives, and providing templates, frameworks, technical support and advice to the IMG, there is also a UN-wide campaign to engage staff at all levels of the organization, detailing what's happening to green the UN and how they can get involved. This campaign is Greening the Blue . SUN coordinates the yearly "Moving towards a climate neutral UN" gathering GHG emissions data from over 60 UN entities worldwide.

**Oshani PERERA, IISD**

Oshani Perera is IISD director of Public Procurement and Infrastructure Finance. Her geographical experience includes India, Sri Lanka, Abu Dhabi, Chile, China, Ghana, India, South Africa, Costa Rica, Lao PDR, USA, EU, Vietnam and Thailand, among others.



Ms. Perera has extensive experience in diverse aspects of sustainable development including environmental management systems, corporate sustainability auditing, benchmarking and reporting, supply chain management, investment incentives and FDI. Before working with IISD, Ms. Perera worked at KPMG, the McKinsey Global Institute and the United Nations Environment Programme. She is accredited as a Lead Environmental Auditor by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.

Ms. Perera has earned a MSc in Environment Technology from the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, a MSc in Economic Policy from the University of Strathclyde and a BSc in Business Administration from Cornell University and University of St.Gallen.

### **Véronique DIEBOLD, State of Geneva**

Après des études en commerce international, puis un master en développement durable, Véronique Diebold rejoint ecoLive en 2007. Ce bureau de conseil en gestion environnementale et développement durable est basé à Genève. Elle est responsable du secteur formation et sensibilisation, orienté vers les thèmes "économies d'énergie" et "achats responsables." Elle participe activement à la rédaction du Guide des achats professionnels responsables, mandat du Canton de Genève.

En 2012, Véronique Diebold est engagée au Service cantonal du développement durable (SCDD) de Genève, rattaché au Département présidentiel. Créé en 2001, le SCDD pilote l'Agenda 21 cantonal et coordonne la mise en œuvre de la Loi sur l'action publique en vue d'un développement durable. Mme Diebold travaille notamment sur des projets d'accompagnement des entreprises et des collectivités publiques pour la mise en œuvre des achats responsables.