



Briefing on UNFCCC ADP 2-8

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Biographies

Daniel REIFSNYDER, ADP Co-chair

Daniel Reifsnyder became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment on March 6, 2006 (confirmed on August 20). He leads the OES Bureau's Environment Directorate, consisting of three offices and 65 staff. He is responsible for U.S. engagement across a broad range of issues related to environmental quality, conservation, water and global climate change. In these areas, he leads U.S. delegations under multiple bilateral agreements and treaties.

Daniel works closely with the Special Envoy for Climate Change, serving as alternate chair of the Major Economies Forum (MEF) on Energy and Climate Change. He works on the U.S.-China Climate Change Working Group and the U.S.-China Ten Year Framework for Cooperation on Energy and Environment, and advises broadly on other climate issues. He chairs the Environmental Working Group under the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission. He also chairs the Subgroup on the Environment, advising the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Economic and Social Council in the negotiations of Sustainable Development Goals.

From 1989 to 2006, Dr. Reifsnyder was Director of the OES Office of Global Change. He served as alternate head of the U.S. delegation in the negotiations from 1991-92 that led to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Dr. Reifsnyder was a research fellow at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (2000-2001) and a visiting lecturer at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School (1999-2000).

Daniel served as Deputy Director of the Office of Cooperative Science and Technology Programs (1987-89) and as Atlantic Desk Officer in the Office of Fisheries Affairs (1984-87). He came to the State Department after 10 years with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in progressively responsible positions.

Daniel earned his Ph.D. in international relations from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 2014. He holds a J.D. from George Washington University (1981), an M.A. in Russian Area Studies from Georgetown University (1976), and an A.B. in political philosophy from Trinity College (CT) (1972). He studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Paris) (1970-71) and at Leningrad State University (summer 1974). He is a member of the Virginia State Bar and



the District of Columbia Bar and has been admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

A career member of the Senior Executive Service since 1994, Dr. Reifsnnyder has received numerous awards including the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award (2005 and 2011), the EPA Ozone Protection Award (2008), the Business Council for Sustainable Development's Leadership Award (2012), the Department of State's Superior Honor Award (multiple individual and group awards) and its Meritorious Honor Award. His languages are French and Russian.

Ahmed DJOGLAF, ADP Co-chair

Ahmed Djoghlaif is an Algerian national and has pursued a distinguished diplomatic career that includes postings with the government of Algeria and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). With the slogan "Biodiversity is Life. Biodiversity is Our Life," Mr. Djoghlaif was instrumental in leading the United Nations biodiversity summit in Nagoya, Japan, in 2010 to success and ensured the adoption of the historic Nagoya Biodiversity Compact by 193 countries.

Ahmed was formerly the Assistant Executive Director of UNEP and Director of the Division of the Global Environment Facility Coordination. Prior to joining the United Nations, he held a variety of important posts in the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was advisor on environmental issues to the Prime Minister of Algeria and, prior to that, to three Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Algeria. Mr. Djoghlaif has lectured frequently on topics related to the Global Environment.

Luis Enrique CHAVEZ BASAGOITIA, Peru

Luis Enrique Chavez Basagoitia, the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office at Geneva, served as Director General for Multilateral and Global Affairs at the Peruvian Foreign Ministry in 2012. In 2011, he was Director General of Protocol and Ceremony of the State. He was Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations in New York from 2006 to 2010 and was Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1996 to 2001. He has represented Peru in various international and United Nations conferences.

Mr. Chavez Basagoitia is a career diplomat. In 2005 and 2006, he served as Consul General of Peru in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He also served as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Peru in Colombia from 1991 to 1993, and Third Secretary at the Embassy of Peru in Venezuela from 1987 to 1991. He has held numerous posts at the Foreign Ministry in Lima after joining the Foreign Service in 1985.

Mr. Chavez Basagoitia has taught international negotiation and diplomacy to post graduate students at the University San Martin de Porres in Peru and has taught diplomacy and diplomatic communication at the Diplomatic Academy of Peru. He



holds a degree in international relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Peru and has followed studies at the Law Faculty of the Buenos Aires University in Argentina and the Faculty of Law at the University San Martin de Porres in Lima, Peru. He also holds degrees from the International Institute of Public Administration in Paris and the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the University of Paris 1. He has born in Lima, Peru on 17 August 1961 and is married with three children.

Norbert BÄRLOCHER, Switzerland

Norbert BÄRLOCHER is the Head of the Rio Conventions department at the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment. He previously occupied various functions in the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs.

Nicolas NIEMTCHINOW, France

H.E: Nicolas Niemtchinow is the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Niemtchinow served as Deputy Director of the Office of Alain Juppe, France's Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, from March 2011 until February 2012. He was a Diplomatic Counsellor at the Ministry of Defence from 2009 to 2011. He held the post of Deputy Director for Strategic Affairs of the Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2009.

A career diplomat, Mr. Niemtchinow was posted in Jordan as Deputy Head of Mission of the French Embassy between 2002 and 2005. From 1998 to 2002, he was posted in Russia, where he served as a First Secretary at the French Embassy.

Mr. Niemtchinow joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995 and worked for the NATO, European Defence, Operations and National Defence Policy Section of the Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament Directorate until 1998.