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GUEST SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Christophe Bouvier
Director and Regional Representative, UNEP

Christophe Bouvier, a national of France, is the Director of UNEP's Regional Office for Europe. He joined UNEP in June 2007 with more than 27 years of experience within the United Nations system, and has held posts at increasing levels of responsibility, at country, regional and global levels. Christophe has managed and supervised complex operations involving a multiplicity of partners, whether international or local, public or private. He is known for his skills as negotiator and manager, and strong leadership

Christophe holds a post graduate degree from the French Institut National Agronomique, with specialization in economics and comparative development. He speaks five languages fluently (English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese), and still remembers some Chinese.

Renate Christ
Secretary, IPCC

Renate Christ was appointed Secretary of the IPCC in 2004 after having served as Deputy Secretary from 1999 to 2004. She holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Biology and Geosciences from the University of Salzburg. A citizen of Austria, Renate is the general manager of the IPCC Secretariat.

Prior to her assignment with the IPCC Renate Christ worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Commission. She participated in the negotiations for the United Nations Framework on Climate Change as member of the Austrian Delegation as well as in the development of the Kyoto Protocol.

Rolf Wuestenhagen
Director, Institute for Economy and the Environment, Uni. of St-Gallen, SRREN

Rolf Wüstenhagen is a Director of the Institute for Economy and the Environment (IWÖ-HSG) and holds the Good Energies Chair for Management of Renewable Energies at the University of St. Gallen. With a background in Management Science and Engineering (TU Berlin) and a PhD in Business, he finished his postdoctoral research thesis in 2007 on "Venturing for Sustainable Energy". In 2005 and 2008, respectively, he was a Visiting Professor at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and Copenhagen Business School.



His research focuses on decision making under uncertainty by energy investors, consumers and entrepreneurs, and has been published in leading entrepreneurship, energy policy and environmental management journals.

Rolf Wüstenhagen embarked on an academic career after retiring from one of the leading European energy venture capital funds. From 2004-2010 he was a member of the Swiss Federal Energy Research Commission (CORE). From 2008-2011 he contributed as a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to the Special Report on renewable energy and climate change mitigation (Chapter 11: Policy, Financing and Implementation).

Rolf Wüstenhagen is the Academic Director of the Executive Education Programme on Renewable Energy Management (REM-HSG).

Jean Christophe Füeg

Head, International Affairs, Swiss Federal Office of Energy, SFOE

Jean-Christophe Füeg is currently Head of International Energy Affairs at the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE). He joined the SFOE in 2001. His duties cover negotiations with the EU, international institutions such as IEA, IAEA, Energy Charter, IRENA, UN ECE, Climate Change negotiations and bilateral energy relations. He has been invited to lead expert reviews on energy policies of Canada, Russia, Turkey, Croatia, Macedonia and Mongolia.

From 1999-2001, Jean-Christophe was Administrator in the Non-Member Country Division of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris. From 1998-99 he was Managing Director & co-CEO of IHS Energy/Petroconsultants Group oil and gas industry intelligence; 1996-1998 Vice-President Petroconsultants Worldwide Oil & Gas Information; 1985-1996 various positions in oil consulting in Former Soviet Union, Angola, Italy, Indonesia.

Jean-Christophe studied Int'l Relations, Russian and Art History at the University of Geneva.

Thomas Kerr

Director, Climate change Initiatives, World Economic Forum, WEF

Thomas Kerr is the Director of Climate Change and Green Growth Initiatives of the World Economic Forum. He manages all of the Forum's climate, clean energy and green growth initiatives, including working to leverage private capital to large-scale renewable energy project investments in emerging economies.

Thomas Kerr worked for 18 years designing and implementing successful public/private efforts to improve efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of industry through the adoption of low carbon energy technologies and practices. From 2006-2010, Thomas led the International Energy Agency (IEA) input on clean energy technology policy and financing



mechanisms for the G8/G20, Major Economies Forum/Clean Energy Ministerial, and United Nations climate change processes. From 2000-2006, Thomas was the chief of the Energy Supply and Industry Branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where he established and implemented voluntary programs that promote renewable energy, combined heat and power and proactive corporate climate change strategies.

Ricardo Melendez

Chief Executive Officer, International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development, ICTSD

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ is ICTSD's co-founder and its Chief Executive Officer since 1996. Previously, he co-founded and was General Director of Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (Quito). He has represented Colombia as a negotiator in several multilateral fora, including as permanent delegate of Colombia in Geneva and as a negotiator in GATT's Uruguay Round, the Rio'92 UN Conference process, UNCTAD VIII, the Climate Change Convention, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Montreal Protocol. He acted as spokesperson for the G77 in several fora and served as chair of the UN Standing Committees on Commodities and on Trade Preferences. Earlier, he had served as Principal Adviser to the Colombian Minister of Economic Development and as Chief of Administration of the Office of the President of Colombia.

Since 1997, Mr. Meléndez-Ortiz has been the publisher of BRIDGES and its sister publications, and has edited, authored and published a wide range of books, articles and opinion pieces in English, French and Spanish on economic governance, trade, sustainable development and conflict management. He has served or currently sits on advisory committees and the boards of a number of global policy initiatives, including as Member of the Board of Intellectual Property Watch (Geneva); the Operating Board of AccountAbility (London); the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Trade and WEF's Working Group on Trade and Climate Change; The Pardee Center Task Force on Governance for a Green Economy (U of Boston); The Center for Global Development's Global Trade Preference Working Group (Washington, DC); The Evian's Group Brains Trust (IMD); the Global Governance Network of Globus et Locus (Milano); the Steering Committees of DfID's Global Trade and Finance Architecture Initiative and of UN DESA's Sustainable Development Knowledge Partnership (New York), a Patron of the Earth Focus Foundation (Geneva); in the recent past he served as Chair of the Global Action Network's Council (Cambridge, MA); and member of the U.N. Secretary General Millennium Project Task Force on Trade; the WTO's Director General NGO Advisory Group; and the MOFCOM/IISD China Sustainable Development and Global Markets Task Force. Mr. Meléndez-Ortiz, a graduate of Harvard University, has recently co-authored *Envisioning a Sustainable Development Agenda for Trade and Environment* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007) with A. Najam and M. Halle, and co-edited *Rebuilding Global Trade: Proposals for a Fairer, More Sustainable Future* (Global Economic Governance Programme at Oxford U. and ICTSD, 2009) with C. Deere; *Agricultural Subsidies In The WTO Green Box: Ensuring Coherence With Sustainable Development Goals* (Cambridge University Press, 2009) with C. Bellmann and J. Hepburn; *Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, Agendas in a Changing World* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2009) with P. Roffe; and, *WTO Dispute Settlement: The Developing Country Experience* (Cambridge U. Press, forthcoming November 2010).