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Mr. Kitack Lim Secretary-General International Maritime Organization

Mr. Lim was born in Masan, Gyeongsangnam-do, in the Republic of Korea. He majored in nautical science at the Korea Maritime and Ocean University (KMOU), Busan, graduating in 1977. He worked on ships as a Korean naval officer and for an international shipping company. He joined the Korea Maritime and Port Administration in 1985, while continuing with further studies at the Graduate School of Administration, Yonsei University,

obtaining a Master's Degree in 1990. He then studied maritime administration at the World Maritime University (WMU), graduating with a master's degree. From 1995 he attended a doctoral programme for international law at KMOU, completing course work in 1998. Mr. Lim began attending IMO meetings as part of the Republic of Korea's delegation in 1986 and he engaged in activities to promote maritime safety through effective implementation of IMO conventions in his country and other IMO Member States in the Asian region. He was elected Chair of IMO's Sub-Committee on Flag State. Implementation(FSI - now III) in 2001 and of the Tokyo Memorandum on Port State Control 2004. In 2006, Mr. Lim was appointed Director General of the Maritime Safety Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM) and then as a Senior Maritime Attaché at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in London and led all IMO work for the Republic of Korea, serving as an Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO up to August 2009. Following that, he Safety re-appointed General Maritime Director for Bureau (MLTM). In March 2011, Mr. Lim was appointed Commissioner of the Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal (KMST). In July 2012, he assumed the position of President of Busan Port Authority, until January 2016 when he took up his appointment as Secretary-General of IMO.



Ms. Inger Andersen
Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme and
Under-Secretary-General
United Nations

Inger Andersen was appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme by UN Secretary-General António Guterres in February 2019. Between 2015 and 2019, Ms. Andersen was the Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Ms Andersen brings a passion for conservation and sustainable development

with more than 30 years of experience in international development economics, environmental sustainability and policy-making, as well as in designing and implementing projects and generating on-the-ground impact. She has played a key role in supporting riparian countries on international water management and hydro diplomacy. Prior to joining IUCN, Ms Andersen held various

leadership roles at the World Bank and United Nations. Most recently, she was Vice President of the Middle East and North Africa at the World Bank, and previous to that Vice President for Sustainable Development and Head of the CGIAR Fund Council. Throughout Ms Andersen's 15-year career at the World Bank, her managerial roles focused on water, environment, and sustainable development with special emphasis on Africa and the Middle East. Previous to the World Bank, Ms. Andersen worked at the United Nations for 12 years, starting in the UN Sudano-Sahelian Office working on drought and desertification issues, and was then appointed UNDP's Water and Environment Coordinator for the Arab Region. Ms Andersen's educational background includes a BA from London Metropolitan University North and a MA degree from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London with specialisation in development economics.



Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn Minister of Climate and Environment of Norway

Sveinung Rotevatn (born 1987) is a Norwegian lawyer and politician. Rotevatn is the deputy leader of the Norwegian Liberal Party and was appointed Norwegian Minister of Climate and Environment on 24 January 2020. Prior to his position as Minister of Climate and Environment, Rotevatn held the position as State Secretary in the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Climate and Environment. Sveinung Rotevatn leads the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly as current president of the

UNEA-5.

Rotevatn was elected member of the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget) for the period of 2013 to 2017 representing the Norwegian Liberal Party. Before his period as member of parliament he was the leader of the liberal youth party of Norway, The Young Liberals of Norway.



Mr. Sveinung Oftedal Specialist Director Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment

Specialist Director in the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment with focus on international negotiations on environmental requirements for the maritime sector. He has also been working with these issues in the Norwegian Maritime Authority and for several years been acting as Norwegian Head of Delegation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the Marine Environment Protection Committee and several IMO

Diplomatic Conferences. He has been heavily involved in negotiations on the hot topics at the IMO such as Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Air Pollution and other issues addressed in MARPOL, Ship Recycling, Ballast Water Management, Antifouling Systems and other environmental issues for over two decades. He is a key person in Norwegian green shipping policies. He has also been involved in regional cooperation in the EU, such as the ESSF, and other relevant international arenas for cooperation on green shipping. Chairman of the IMO BLG and PPR Sub-Committee (2010 – 2019) and is currently Chairman of the IMO Working Group on Greenhouse Gas emissions, and Coordinator of the IMO/PPR Correspondence group on biofouling.



Mr. Jose Matheickal Chief, Department of Partnerships and Projects International Maritime Organization

Dr. Matheickal currently leads the newly created Department of Partnerships and Projects at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. In this role Jose spearheads IMO's efforts to enhance its partnership and resource mobilization efforts, promote innovation and increase the portfolio of major technical

cooperation projects to support IMO's roles in safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution as well as to support the Secretary General's vision of a Voyage Together where no one is left behind. Since joining IMO, Jose was involved in IMO's technical cooperation programmes and major technical cooperation projects, as Chief Technical Adviser, specifically focusing on building capacity in developing countries to address emerging marine environmental issues (major projects such as GloBallast, GloMEEP, GloFouling, GreenVoyage2050, GloLitter, MEPSEAS, SENSREC etc). He also founded the innovative Global Industry Alliance, a flagship public-private partnership initiative of IMO. He studied at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur for his Masters degree and at the Griffith University, Australia as a Sir John Crawford PhD Scholar. He also holds an MBA in Technology Management. His key areas of interest include maritime innovation, blue economy, climate change mitigation, green financing, capacity building projects and technology transfer. He has over 100 scientific publications and an international patent to his credit.



Ms. Lydia Ngugi Head, Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre MTCC Africa

Lydia Ngugi has been engaged in the shipping and maritime industry throughout her career. She is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya, LLB and an International Maritime Law Lawyer IMO-IMLI Malta Alumni also specialized in the field of Marine Environmental Law on matters Climate Change and contract negotiation/implementation/governance in the

Shipping and Maritime Industry. Over the last couple of years, she has worked with both private and public organizations as a Maritime lawyer. She also has experience working with the International Maritime Organization as an IMO Consultant on Marine Environmental Law issues. In addition to this, she has worked for an international shipping line in the commercial division, plus a shipbuilding/owning company as the legal marine compliance manager in charge of the fleet. Lydia is currently the Head of MTCC- Africa a project funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Maritime Organization, the Global MTCC Network (GMN) – formally titled "Capacity Building for Climate Mitigation in the Maritime Shipping Industry" Prior to joining MTCC Africa Lydia lectured Maritime Law in a Public university. She has also advised local and international organizations on Maritime industry related issues having attended specialized trainings in the field with a focus on Climate Change/decarbonisation in the Shipping and Maritime Industry among others.



Ms. Vivian Rambarath-Parasram Director and Head of Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre MTCC Caribbean

Vivian is an Attorney at Law with over 25 years' experience in Maritime law, international environmental law, corporate governance and commercial law. Vivian completed her undergraduate law degree at the University of the West Indies and studied for an LL.M and a Magister Juris at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. She has been affiliated with The

University of Trinidad and Tobago since 2007 and joined the full-time faculty of the Centre for Maritime and Ocean Studies in 2008. During this time, she has developed degrees and courses that are specifically designed to fuel the development of the local and regional maritime industry. Prior to joining the UTT Vivian spent 9 years as a researcher, principal investigator and eventually Officer in Charge of the Legal and Policy Research Programme at the Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA). Vivian also spent 3 years in the Business Energy and Tax practice area of the Lex Mundi law firm of M. Hamel-Smith & Company. During the span of her career, Vivian has frequently and successfully managed major commercial and academic projects. Vivian's primary areas of research interests include: blue economy initiatives, climate action, maritime border security, marine surveillance and determining methods for overcoming legal and institutional challenges to maritime regulatory reform in the Caribbean Commonwealth. Vivian is the Director and Head of MTCC Caribbean.



Mr. Wei Ruan Director, Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre MTCC Asia

Graduated from Shanghai Maritime University and World Maritime University (Sweden), RUAN Wei has been dedicated himself for many years in maritime education and training, researches on IMO convention, maritime safety management, maritime policies and management. He is continuously nominated as a delegate of Chinese Maritime Safety

Administration for IMO conferences and meetings. He served for Shanghai Maritime University (SMU), China as the Dean of Continuing Education College and the Director of Shanghai Seafarer Training Centre since 2005. From September 2015, he was appointed to be the Dean of International Education College. In 2021, he was appointed to be the director of International Office of the University. He accomplished a series of research delegated by the Ministry of Transport and China MSA, and published a range of technology essays. In the year 2017, he is appointed as the Head of Maritime Technical Co-operation Centre for Asia, which was established under the authorization of International Maritime Organization for the purpose of controlling GHG emission and promoting the shipboard energy efficiency. Until now, his professional study and experience expanded further into IMO co-operations for GHG emission controlling, IMO conventions and standards for air pollution, Maritime GHG technology research, international seminars and workshops for GHG controlling etc.



Mr. Zullah Mohammed Head, Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre MTCC Pacific

Dr Zullah is the Head of MTCC-Pacific and is responsible for coordinating the implementation of MTCC-Pacific project. He provides technical advice to Pacific islands countries and territories (PICTs) on energy efficiency and the uptake of new technologies and operations to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reliance on fossil fuel. He also provides technical

assistance on developing Safe Operational Plan (SOP), integrated with Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP). With over 11 years' experience in heavy industries, Dr Zullah is assisting in strengthening the technical capacity of PICTs to effectively improve energy efficiency and increase the uptake of new technologies in the maritime transport sector. He brings with him classification societies experience through his last experience in South Korea working with some of the world's biggest shipping builder and ship owners. He has diverse experience and technical knowledge on renewable energy, energy-efficient ship technologies, and maritime codes and practices.



Mr. Ervin Vargas
Technical Director, Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre
MTCC Latin America

He is a Marine Nautical Engineer graduated from the Panama Nautical School

With more than 20 years of experience in the maritime industry, working as Chief Engineer on board ships and occupying the position of Technical Superintendent in shipping companies nationally and internationally.

He has studies in Postgraduate Degree in Higher Education, Postgraduate Degree in Shipbuilding and Naval Repair, Diploma in Tugboats Engineer, Has the Train to Trainer Course on Energy Efficient Ship Operation organized by the IMO and other technical courses.

He is currently professor at the International Maritime University of Panama and holds the position of Marine Engineering School Director of the Faculty of Nautical Sciences and MTCC-Latin America Technical Director.



Ms. Rosalinde van der Vlies Director European Commission DG Research and Innovation, Clean Planet Directorate

Ms Rosalinde van der Vlies, is the Director of the Clean Planet Directorate in the European Commission's, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation.

Before her appointment as Director, Ms van der Vlies was the Head of Coordination & Interinstitutional Relations Unit, and acting Head of Communication & Citizens Unit.

Previously she held positions in Directorate-General Environment, Directorate-General Justice and Home Affairs, and in the private office of Janez Potočnik, the European Commissioner for the environment.

Before joining the European Commission, she worked as a competition lawyer in an international law firm in Brussels and was a part-time teacher at the Catholic University in Brussels.



Ms. Gyorgyi Gurban Head, Department for Partnerships and Projects International Maritime Organization

Gyorgyi Gurban is the Head of Projects Implementation in the IMO Department of Projects and Partnerships, which she joined last year from the Office of the Secretary General of IMO, where she acted as Senior Maritime Policy Advisor, with a focus on SDGs related issues and key international processes.

Before joining IMO, she was leading Ecosystem Approach related work-stream and projects at UNEP-MAP. Beforehand she worked in the European Commission, overseeing a portfolio of EU funded sustainable development projects and leading EC preparations for Rio+20. She also chaired EU Council Climate Working Groups on behalf of Hungarian EU Presidency and coordinated preparations of the EU to UNFCCC negotiations.

Prior to that, Gyorgyi gathered experience at the Legal Service of the United Nations Headquarters in New York, at the Climate Unit of the Hungarian Ministry of Environment and at Allen and Overy Law Firm.

Gyorgyi has a JD (PPKE-JAK), an LLM in International Law (Tulane), and an MSc in Environmental Management (University of San Francisco).



Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry President World Maritime University

Dr. Doumbia-Henry is the seventh President of the World Maritime University (WMU), a university established within the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). She is the first woman President and the first President from a developing country. As the Chief Executive Officer of WMU, she oversees and directs the operations and

administration of the University, positioning it as the global centre of excellence in maritime and ocean education, research and capacity building, taking on board the UNSDGs. Prior to joining WMU, Dr. Doumbia-Henry held various senior positions at the International Labour Organization (ILO) during her almost thirty years of service, including serving as the first female Director of the International Labour Standards Department. Dr. Doumbia-Henry is a distinguished academic in the field of international law and a global leader on maritime and oceans affairs. She is an international advocate for equality, sustainability and innovation and has published extensively on a wide range of international law subjects. Dr. Doumbia-Henry is also a Panel Member for the Rapid Response Labour Mechanism of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).



Ms. Nadine Bresemann
Head of Maritime Transport
Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of
East Asia (PEMSEA)

Nadine is a Transport Expert with 20 years of experience working alongside the executive teams of logistics providers, banks and environmental organizations. In Asia, Nadine specializes in coastal and marine protection. She is currently responsible for marine transport for the regional

organization PEMSEA. Together with her partner countries, networks and the support of IKI, she develops ideas and solutions to reduce emissions.



Ms. Quah Ley Hoon Chief Executive Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Ms Quah Ley Hoon joined the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore as Chief Executive (Designate) on 1 November 2018, and was subsequently appointed the Chief Executive with effect from 1 January 2019. Prior to this, she was with MediaCorp as Chief Editor in Channel NewsAsia. She has more than 12 years of work experience in the public sector ranging from economic policies to environmental and social

policies, including the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the National Population Secretariat. Ley Hoon is on the board of Energy Market Authority, Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS), National University of Singapore's Tropical Marine Science Institute and Centre for Maritime Studies, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Singapore Maritime Foundation, Singapore Maritime Institute, and the Technology Centre for Offshore and Marine, Singapore Ltd. She graduated with a MBA from IMD Business School in Switzerland in 2010, and a Masters in Economics from the University of Pantheon Sorbonne, France in 2000. She also holds a degree on Psychology from University of Southern Queensland. She was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2017. January



Mr. Narve Mjøs Vice President in DNV, and Programme Director of Green Shipping Programme (GSP)

GSP is a partnership program between the Norwegian Government and the maritime industry. It has a vision to establish the world's most efficient and environmentally friendly shipping. The programme was founded in 2015, and it has 80 private and 10 public participants from the entire value chain. It is financed partly by the industry and partly by the state budget. The programme has initiated 35 pilots, i.e. demonstration projects with

different green logistics, technologies and fuels, of which 10 have already been realized or are under construction. Narve is the funding father of the programme.



Mr. Christoffer Bøhmer Head, Green Fleet Renewal Green Shipping Programme

Christoffer Bøhmer holds a Master of Science degree in marine engineering from the University of Trondheim, Norway. He started his career in DNV in 1997 and worked in various positions until 2011 when he joined the Norwegian shipping company Torvald Klaveness. There he worked with newbuilding and operation of container vessels and bulk

carriers with high focus on emission reduction from the ships. In 2020, he re-joined DNV as a consultant in the maritime advisory environmental section and is currently fully engaged as head of the Service Centre for green fleet renewal organised under the Green Shipping Programme.



Ms. Jane Amilhat Head of Unit Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) European Commission

Jane Amilhat who took over the management of unit Low emission future industries in the Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) of the European Commission in April is coming from Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER) where she was 3 years Deputy Head of

Unit in charge of Energy infrastructures and Regional cooperation. Jane Amilhat worked in the private sector after her engineer/economist study in France and Germany. She started her career in the industrial/energy sector (Danone, Gaz de France/Engie, RWE Trading). She joined the European Commission in Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV, DGCLIMA now) from 2006 until 2008 where she was responsible for international climate change negotiations and sectorial climate policies. She has been dealing with Energy and industrial issues when she started at Directorate General for Trade (DG TRADE) at the end of 2008. She was responsible for Russia and the Eastern Partnership but also the Western Balkans and Switzerland when she became Deputy Head of Unit at DG TRADE in 2014.



Mr. Henk Prins Chairman, Waterborne Technology Platform European Commission

Henk Prins is chairman of the Waterborne Technology Platform association. Waterborne TP is an association of all stakeholders in the sector: ship owners, yards, equipment manufacturers, regulatory bodies, and research institutes. Waterborne TP is defining research agendas for the whole waterborne sector, which includes inland and maritime

transport, blue growth, and ports and logistics. End of June 2021, Waterborne entered a co-Programmed Partnership with the European Commission for zero-emission waterborne transport, guaranteeing more funding for innovation and demonstration in our sector. Henk is employed by MARIN as manager of the R&D department. MARIN is a world-renowned research institute on ship and offshore hydrodynamics, and nautical studies. It operates several large water basins for experiments, including a special basin for inland shipping. Henk has been heavily involved in European research projects, and has lead two large projects on ship propulsion. Henk studied Applied Mathematics at Delft University of Technology. He then focused on numerical modelling of ship motions in waves, completing a PhD in 1995.



Mr. Aykut ÖLÇER Professor in Marine Technology and Innovation World Maritime University

Professor Dr. Aykut I. ÖLÇER is a naval architect and marine engineer holding the Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair in "Marine Technology and Innovation" at the World Maritime University (WMU). He is currently the Director of Research of WMU as well as the Head of Maritime Energy Management Specialization (MSc program). He served as the Editor-in-

Chief of WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs (JOMA) and Book Series between February'17 and February'19. Prior to joining WMU, he worked at Newcastle University (England), University of

Strathclyde (Scotland) and Istanbul Technical University (Turkey) within the fields of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

For many years, he has conducted research independently/jointly and collaborated with other researchers, academics and students all over the world, in particular from Europe and Asia. Dr Ölçer was involved in numerous EU funded FP5, FP6, FP7, Horizon 2020 projects and IMO projects as well as IAMU and regional projects in Scandinavia. He currently leads one of the research priority areas, namely Maritime Energy Management, at WMU. He has published results of his research in leading, internationally peer-reviewed journals such as "European Journal of Operational Research", "Computers and Operational Research", "Applied Soft Computing", "Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment", "Ocean Engineering" and so on. He is the main Editor of the book "Trends and Challenges in Maritime Energy Management", which was one of the most downloaded Springer books in 2018.



Ms. Rose Mwebaza Director, Climate Technology Centre & Network, UNFCCC Technology Mechanism

Dr. Rose Mwebaza (PhD) is the Director of the CTCN and has over 20 years' experience providing policy advice on a wide range of climate change, environment, and sustainable development issues. She has previously served as Chief Natural Resources Officer at the African Development Bank and held leadership positions within the UN

Development Programme. Dr. Mwebaza was a Lecturer at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, for 10 years, serving as the Head of Department for Commercial Law and Deputy Dean of the Law School. Ms. Mwebaza holds a PhD in Environment and Natural Resource Governance from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia; a Master's Degree in International Comparative Law (With a Certificate of Academic Excellence) from the University of Florida, U.S.A and a Bachelor of Law Degree (LL.B, Hons.) from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.



Mr. Kenneth Lim Assistant Chief Executive (Industry) Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Kenneth is the Assistant Chief Executive (Industry) of Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) since 1 Jan 2021. Kenneth has built up a strong network of maritime Singapore industry players including the digitalisation and HR innovators of shipping companies and the start-ups community. He currently is overseeing Maritime Strategy and Policy,

International Maritime Centre, Business Capability Development as well as Innovation, Technology, and Talent Development.

Kenneth was seconded from Government Technology Agency (GovTech) in 2017 as Chief Technology Officer. In GovTech, he was the Cluster Director tasked with harnessing info-communications technology and related engineering for public sector transformation covering 10 public agencies' CIO teams.

Kenneth has over 25 years of technology-related experience, starting his career as a programmer in PSA, and becoming Vice President Technology Development, Trade & Logistics in CrimsonLogic and Senior Vice President in Energy Market Company before joining the public sector in 2011. His professional experience covers sectors in the Sea Port, Logistics IT and Energy industries.

Kenneth has also previously contributed his professional knowledge at various forums, including:

- Head of Singapore delegation to United Nation for Trade Facilitation
- Council member of Singapore IT Federation (SITF)
- Rule Change Panel Member of the wholesale Electricity Market

- Advisory Council member to e-Commerce and e-Fulfilment
- Steering Committee member of Pan Asia E-Commerce Alliance

Kenneth has been awarded the "Supply Chain Asia— Visionary of the Year" in 2019 and is a frequent speaker in many conferences and events advocating digitalisation.



Mr. Harilaos N. Psaraftis Professor, Department of Technology, Management and Economics University of Denmark

Harilaos N. Psaraftis is a Professor at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Department of Technology, Management and Economics. He has a diploma from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) (1974), and two M.Sc. degrees (1977) and a Ph.D. (1979) from MIT, USA. He has

been Assistant and Associate Professor at MIT from 1979 to 1989 and Professor at NTUA from 1989 to 2013. He has participated in some 55 research projects, of which 25 from the EU. He has been a member and chairman of various groups at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and has also served as CEO of the Piraeus Port Authority (1996 -2002). He has published extensively and has received several academic and industry awards. His latest book is entitled "Sustainable Shipping: A Cross-Disciplinary View", Springer (2019).



His Excellency the Minister of Transport Engineer/ Saleh bin Nasser bin Al-Jasser Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

His Excellency the Minister has been appointed by the royal decree on 23 October 2019.

His Excellency Eng. Saleh Al-Jasser chairs several councils. The most prominent of which are: Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Authority of Civil Aviation, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Ports, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the

General Authority for Transport, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Railways Company (SAR), Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Arabian Airlines Corporation, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Industry and Logistics Development Program, Chairman of the Saudi-Singaporean Joint Committee, Chairman of the Saudi-Jordanian Joint Committee, Chairman of the Saudi-Afghan Joint Committee, and Chairman of the Transport and Border Ports Committee of the Saudi-Iraqi Coordination Council. His Excellency also participates in membership of a number of boards of directors and committees.

His Excellency Eng. Saleh Al-Jasser has rich experience of more than thirty years in the field of business administration, leadership of leading companies and non-governmental organizations, His Excellency also held important positions before his appointment as Minister of Transport, where he held the position of Director General of the Saudi Arabian Airlines Corporation and a member of its Board of Directors. Prior to that, he was CEO of the Saudi National Shipping Company "Bahri", after spending seven years in the Abdul Latif Jameel Group as Executive General Manager for the "Lexus" sector and then for Toyota operations.

His Excellency Eng. Saleh Al-Jasser holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from King Saud University in 1995 and a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from King Abdulaziz University in 1990. His Excellency also received extensive training in a number of prestigious institutes, where he graduated from the bankers training program for Lloyds Bank in the United Kingdom, the internal credit training program for the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, a one-year bankers' fellowship program with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and a management training program at Cranfield University in Britain, an executive training program in communications

management at the INSEAD Institute in France, the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University, USA, and the Advanced Management Program at Oxford University in Britain.



Ms. Julia Kachynska Principal Banker, Sustainable Infrastructure Group European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Infrastructure finance professional with over 15 years of experience, focussed on sustainability and impact investing. Involved in origination and execution of debt and equity transactions in transport sector, including maritime, at European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



Mark Radka Acting Director, Economy Division United Nations Environment Programme

Mark has over 30 years of professional experience in the field of environmental policy and management, most of it with UNEP. Before taking up his current position Mark headed the Economy Division's Energy and Climate Branch. Prior to that he served for several years in UNEP's Asia and the Pacific Office, where he managed industrial environmental management projects throughout Asia. Mark is particularly interested in

technology transfer and the technology needs of developing countries and was a coordinating lead author of the IPCC Special Report on Methodological and Technological Issues in Technology Transfer.

Before joining UNEP Mark supported domestic and international environmental programmes with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the World Bank, mostly related to the phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances and climate change. Mark started his career as a U.S. Peace Corp Volunteer in Thailand, where he was assigned to the Local Administration Department of the Thai Government's Ministry of Interior.

Mark received a Master of Public Policy degree with a concentration in Environmental and Energy Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, a M.S. degree in Civil Engineering (with an environmental engineering focus) from the University of California at Berkeley, and a S.B. in Civil Engineering from MIT.