

# BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+)

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## BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SPEAKERS



### Mr. GUIDO CORNO

Guido Corno is currently a **Technical Expert for the GCCA+ Support Facility**.

He has a PhD in climate change, natural resource management and environmental Economics from the Oregon State University, and a Master of Science in physics, biology and natural resource management from the University of Tasmania. He is an expert in the identification, formulation and implementation of projects and programmes, as well as having extensive knowledge of climate change adaptation and mitigation projects. Asked about a fun moment during his career, Guido recalls he once worked on a research vessel that got stuck in the Antarctic. While waiting a week to be rescued by Russian ice-breakers, he played football on the ice with his colleagues.



### Mr. NICOLA DI PIETRANTONIO

Nicola Di Pietrantonio is an experienced **programme manager in the field of climate change, energy and environment**. He has joined the European Commission in 2008 and has worked in the Caribbean region before moving to Brussels, where he has directed large portfolios of multi-country projects in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean. He is now serving as Deputy Head of the Climate Change sector in the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development.

Before joining the European Commission, Nicola has followed the negotiation and development of key EU energy and climate change legislative proposals as Policy Officer of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions.

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Nicola holds an engineering MSc in Climate Change and Sustainable Development and has a solid academic background in international relations, politics and economics of the European Union.

#### **Dr. KENNEDY NDUBUISI IGBOKWE**

Kennedy Ndubuisi Igbokwe is the **Project Manager for GCCA+ and Team Leader for Climate Change Program at FAO Uganda**. He leads the FAO Team in developing, implementing, monitoring and supervising climate change projects, with focus on strengthening national and district adaptive capacities, as well as improving climate resilience in agricultural and pastoral production systems through Farmer Field Schools and watershed management approaches.

He has over 25 years of international work experience in participatory development, having served in various other capacities such as Country Director for International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)-Uganda, Water Resources Management Program Coordinator and Water and Watershed Management Specialist with IIRR Philippines.

He was born in Nigeria and educated in the Philippines with B.Sc. degree in Agricultural Engineering from the Central Philippines University, M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Management from the Central Luzon State University.



#### **Hon. AUGUSTINE COLLINS NTIM**

Hon. Augustine Collins Ntim is currently **the ministry of local government and rural development** who is in charge of rural economy and agriculture.

He holds a bsc (hons.) Biological sciences and a msc reproductive biology, both from the kwame nkrumah university of science and technology, kumasi.

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#### Mr. ESPEN RONNEBERG

Espen Ronneberg is currently the **Climate Change Adviser in the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**, Apia, Samoa since October 2006.

Prior to joining SPREP, between 2000 and 2006, he worked as Inter-regional Advisor for Small Island Developing States in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Between 1992 and 2000 he worked as an adviser for the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, eventually becoming Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission to the UN.

Having been involved in climate change negotiations from 1992, he has also taken part in many other international negotiations. He has also worked on several practical climate change related projects in Marshall Islands and Maldives, and provided advice to the Small Island Developing States on climate change and sustainable development. From 1997 to 1999 he served as Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC at Kyoto and Buenos Aires. From 1998 to 1999 he served as Co-Chairman of the UNFCCC working group on compliance.



#### Dr. GILLIAN CAMBERS

Dr Gillian Cambers is currently working for **The Pacific Community (SPC)**, based in Fiji, on the implementation of **climate change adaptation measures in the island countries of the Pacific.**

He holds a BSc from the University of Bristol and a PhD in environmental sciences at the University of East Anglia, UK.

He has an extensive experience in the fields of climate change adaptation, natural resource management, policy, planning and communications in Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean.

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#### Dr. KYAW MOE OO

Dr. Kyaw Moe Oo is currently working as a **Director General of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology**. In the past, he has served as an assistant lecturer in Physics Department, Defense Service Academy (1999-2005), as a Deputy Director at Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (2005- 2011), Director at Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Upper Myanmar Division Office (2011-2011), Director at Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Head Office (2011-2012) and Deputy Director General at Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (2012- 2017).

He received Bachelor of Science from Defense Services Academy in 1998, M.Sc. (Physics) from Defense Services Academy in 2002 and Ph.D. degree (Physics) from Yangon University in 2015.

He has extensive experience in climate change related researches, international cooperation section, finance section, planning section and administration section. His climate change related research experiences in Myanmar include storm analysis, changing of monsoon climatology and regional climate modelling. He was involved in initiating the drought monitoring center in Upper Myanmar Division.



#### Mrs. ELENA VIŠNAR MALINOVSKÁ

Elena Višnar Malinovská is currently a **Head of the climate adaptation unit in DG Climate Action of the European Commission**.

She works for 13 years in the European Commission in different positions. As a policy officer in the Secretariat General, she dealt with environment, energy, mobility and climate policies.

In the Cabinet of Commissioner responsible for environment (2010-2014), she spearheaded the review of the air quality legislation as well as oversaw the infringements policy. During the Slovak Presidency (2016), she acted as a spokesperson for the Presidency.

She holds a Slovak law degree and diplomas from European studies (SciencePo in Paris, College of Europe in Poland). She is an enthusiast cyclist (female winner of VéloMai competition in the Commission in 2018), runner, mother of three hockey players and a scout leader.

