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#### Moderators and Speakers

**Anne Bergenfelt**, *Senior Advisor, DG Climate Action, European Commission*



Anne is currently Senior Advisor, DG Climate Action and previously served in the Cabinet of Commissioner Connie Hedegaard, climate change, in the Cabinet of 1st Vice President of the Commission Margot Wallstrom, in the Cabinet of Commissioner Margot Walsltrom, DG Environment and member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Neil Kinnock, DG Transport.

From 1994 to 1996 she was Councillor at the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the EU and from 1990 to 1994 she was Head of Section responsible for International Aviation Relations at the Ministry of Transport in Denmark.

**Charlotte Billingham**, *Executive Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)*



Charlotte grew up in Sheffield, England. She graduated in European Studies and French at the University of Leeds in 2006.

Previously, Charlotte has assisted in the constituency office of Richard Corbett when he was an MEP. She also taught English as a foreign language for the British Council in south-west France as part of her university course and then also after graduating in Mexico, each for one year.

**Pascal Delisle**, *Adviser on Climate Change, Global affairs, European External Action Service*



Previous posts have included:

2011-2015: Director of the office for regional cooperation in South America; Santiago de Chile, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2006-2015: President of the board, Institute of Research and Debate on governance, Paris

2007-2011: Head of Cultural Services, French Embassy in Washington DC; executive director of the Partner University Fund, FACE Foundation, New York

2004-2007: Professor and Director of the American Center, Sciences Po, Paris

2002-2004: Professor and Founding Director, Alliance Program, Columbia University, New York

**Ronald A. Kingham**, *Executive Director, Environment & Development Resource Centre (EDRC)*



Ron is Co-founder and Executive Director of EDRC where his main activities currently include serving as co-coordinator for the Brussels Dialogue for Climate Diplomacy (BDGD), Coordinator of the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change (GMACCC) and initiator of the pilot project on Transatlantic Responses to 21st Century Environmental Challenges.

He is also a co-founder and former Director of the Institute for Environmental Security (IES) where he played leading roles in project on indigenous solutions for the management of natural resources; European Union Action to Fight Environmental Crime, the Southern Mediterranean Region; Climate Change, Environment and Security in Africa; The Future of Space Cooperation in the Arctic Region; Illegal Trade in Natural Resources; Greening European Foreign and Security Policy; System Monitoring for Law Enforcement of Informal Mining; and Environmental Security for Poverty Alleviation.

In 2015 he was seconded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to assist with the organisation of the first Planetary Security Conference and in 2016 he served as the coordinator for the organisation of the 2nd Planetary Security Conference.

He is also former Executive Director of the International Coalition for Development Action and has carried out projects for the Environment Liaison Centre, European Partners for the Environment, European Environmental Bureau, the European Commission (DG Environment), and Shell International (Global Scenarios Project). In 2000-2001, he was technical adviser to the UNITAR Project: "Who Needs What to Implement the Kyoto Protocol? An Assessment of Capacity Building Needs in 33 Developing Countries".

Educated in the US and Europe, he is a political scientist with a specialisation in international relations and European integration. His studies also focused on European history, human rights and development economics.

**Kamiel Mesie**, *Associate Political Affairs Officer, UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security*



Before his appointment at UNLOPS, Kamiel worked as a Fellow for the delegation of the European Union to the UN Headquarters in New York. Prior to that, he worked at the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and on consultancy basis for the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

Kamiel also has work experience at NGO level and interned at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He holds a Bachelor degree in European Studies and a Master Degree in Human Rights and Democratization from the European Institute for Human Rights in Venice, Italy. He speaks Dutch, English, French and Italian.

**Stephen Minas**, *Assistant Professor, School of Transnational Law, Peking University, China, and Senior Research Fellow, Transnational Law Institute, King's College London, UK*



Stephen Minas's research concerns novel transnational processes of law, policy and dispute resolution that address the emerging sustainable economy, focused on the nexus of climate change, finance, energy and technology. This research agenda draws on areas of legal doctrine and practice including public international law, private international law, energy law, financial law and European Union law.

Professor Minas is a senior research fellow of the Transnational Law Institute of King's College London, a member of the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee's task forces on climate technology financing and mitigation, the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and the Young Academics Network of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, as well as an honorary fellow of the School of Population Health at the University of Melbourne. He has consulted to or collaborated with a variety of international organizations and think-tanks, including the Commonwealth Secretariat on the development of a law and climate change toolkit.

Previously, Professor Minas has worked as a visiting lecturer at King's College London (teaching in areas including finance law, climate change law and transnational law), an adviser to the Premier of the Australian state of Victoria, working on a variety of policy and legal areas including international trade and investment, energy and the environment, and for members of the Australian Parliament. He is admitted as an Australian lawyer and has completed the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's Tribunal Secretary Accreditation Programme.

**Johanna Nyman**, *Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)*



Johanna joined IEEP in April 2018 as a Policy Analyst for the Climate and Environment Governance Programme. Her specialist subjects are climate change policy; climate adaptation; climate change and security; EU budget; environmental governance

Since joining IEEP she has been involved in a variety of projects focusing on climate change policy, including adaptation, climate change and security, the EU budget as well as environmental governance. Her specific expertise relates to the European Union's climate and energy policies. Before joining IEEP she worked on climate, security and migration questions at the Environmental Justice Foundation. In 2014 she was part of a research team at the Finnish Meteorological Institute, conducting research on the climate impacts on the tundra ecosystems in the Arctic and she is the co-author of scientific articles on this subject. Johanna was in 2015-2016 the president of the European Youth Forum, a platform representing 50 million young people towards the EU, CoE and UN. She holds an MSc in Environmental Change and Policy from the University of Helsinki and a Bachelor in Environmental Biology from the same institution.

**Luisa Rölke**, *Head of Division Environment and Building, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union*



**Alexander Verbeek**, *Policy Director, Environment & Development Resource Centre*



Alexander Verbeek leads EDRC's policy work and co-coordinates the Brussels Dialogue on Climate Diplomacy. Alexander is also an independent advisor on global issues related to climate, security, water, food, energy and resources. He collaborates with governments, businesses, think tanks and civil society agencies to create solutions for the environmental, security, resource and demographic challenges of the 21st century.

Alexander served as a Lieutenant in the Royal Netherlands Navy -RNLN (1990-1991) and was a diplomat for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1992 until 2016. His last position was Strategic Policy Advisor on Global Issues in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He had postings in Vienna (OSCE), Bonn and London. At MFA headquarters in The Hague, he also worked in the Middle-East Department, twice in the security department and for several years in the Asia department.

Alexander founded the Institute for Planetary Security and developed the Planetary Security Initiative, leading the team that prepared the first Planetary Security Conference in the Peace Palace in The Hague in November 2015. From 2016 until 2018 he was the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of this initiative. He is a World Fellow at Yale University, a Visiting Fellow at Uppsala University for the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and a Fellow of the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce).

In 2015 he became an Associate at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and since 2016 he is an associate at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). In 2018 he became an Associate Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.