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COP 25 SIDE EVENT

Scaling-up Climate Action: Best practices and joint actions to strengthen results and integrity across trust funds

On Wednesday, 11 December 2019 from 15:15 – 16:45 at the GCF + GEF Pavilion

Climate finance is critical to shifting and leveraging public and private investment toward achieving the 2015 Paris climate targets and keeping global temperature rise below 1.5° C. The impact and effectiveness of climate finance and its overall contribution to sustainable development can be optimized by enabling transparency, accountability, and integrity practices. Such best practices range from providing policy level commitments and ethical standards to ensuring proactive risk mitigation and monitoring systems, capacity development programs and meaningful stakeholder engagement and feedback or reporting mechanisms. Sharing best practices and learning from others across institutions and funds can catalyze transformational impacts and growth toward achieving the indispensable paradigm shift necessary for scaling up climate action.

The Green Climate Fund together with the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds invite you to join in a lively panel discussion on best practices and collaborative efforts to achieve transparency, accountability and integrity in the delivery of climate finance. Panellists representing each fund share their stories of successful climate policies and actions and explore building common standards and strengthening delivery capacities across the planet.

Panellists

Mr. Ibrahim Pam, Head, Independent Integrity Unity, Green Climate Fund

Ms. Mafalda Duarte, Head, Climate Investment Funds

Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Mr. Peter Lallas, Adviser to CEO / Conflict Resolution Commissioner

Moderator

Mr. Richard Merzian, Director, Climate & Energy Programme, The Australia Institute

Mr. Ibrahim Pam, Head, Independent Integrity Unity, Green Climate Fund

Ibrahim is Head of GCF's Independent Integrity Unit. He previously worked as an Analyst and Investigator in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC), and then as Chief Investigator in the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB). As delegate, Ibrahim participated in the drafting of the African Union Convention on Combating and Preventing Corruption, as well as of the UN Convention Against Corruption. He also assisted in developing the General Principles for Review of Investigative Offices of the Conference of International Investigators (CII). Most recently, he was Resident Investigator at the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services for the UN Mission in South Sudan.

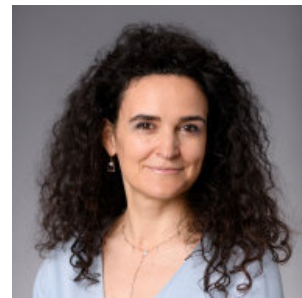


Ibrahim holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Jos and a Master in Criminal Justice Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Ms. Mafalda Duarte, Head, Climate Investment Funds

Mafalda has spent most of her career living and working in developing countries, from North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa to East Asia and worked in more than 30 developing countries where, in partnership with Governments and private sector she has led and supported the development and implementation of policies and projects that have made a real difference in people's lives.

Mafalda currently leads one of the largest multilateral climate finance mechanism globally, the more than \$8 billion Climate Investment Funds (CIF), known for accelerating global action on low-carbon and climate resilient investments in 72 countries worldwide, from first of its kind investments to pilot approaches to a strong emphasis on learning and sharing of technical expertise. Prior to the CIF in 2014, Mafalda led policy and managed climate-related portfolios at the African Development Bank and the World Bank.

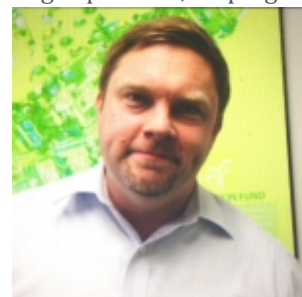


She is a firm believer in the need to build a future based on a sustainable development model and shared values.

Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Mikko has served as the Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat since April 2017. A Finnish national, he joined the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat in 2009. Before taking on managerial duties, he functioned in various technical capacities, most recently as a Senior Climate Change Specialist, helping build the Fund's portfolio of projects and programmes through coordination of quality review.

In addition to overall management of the Fund, Mikko spearheads the implementation of the Fund's medium-term strategy and resource mobilization. Prior to joining the Secretariat, Mikko worked in the World Bank Carbon Finance Unit as a Carbon Finance Specialist and Deal Manager, particularly on forest-related projects in the BioCarbon Fund. Mikko also brings five years of development field experience from China, Indonesia and other Asian countries, including a two-year assignment in the reconstruction programme following the 2004 Asian Tsunami in Banda Aceh, Indonesia with the World Bank, as well as as the Country Representative and Project Coordinator for a private environmental consultancy in China.



Mikko holds an M.Sc. degree in ecology and biodiversity research from the University of Turku, Finland, and a postgraduate diploma in international trade from the University of Tampere, Finland. He speaks Finnish, English, and Mandarin.

Peter Lallas, Adviser to CEO / Conflict Resolution Commissioner

Peter joined the GEF Secretariat in March 2014 as adviser and part of the management team in the Front Office.

Previously, Peter served as Executive Secretary of the World Bank Inspection Panel (since January 2007), which provides an independent forum for people and communities around the world to raise concerns about the environmental and social impacts of projects funded by the World Bank. Peter also served as expert adviser on international and environmental policy and law to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, and as Director of the International Environmental Law Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in Washington, D.C., where he worked for many years on global environmental treaties and other initiatives. From 1986-1989, Peter worked in the Directorate-General of Environment and Consumer Protection of the European Commission in Brussels, and in a Brussels practice in international and European Community law.



Peter has a JD from Harvard University Law School (1986) and a BA in Economics from Stanford University (1981). Over the years, he has taught courses in international environmental policy and law as adjunct professor and lecturer at several universities, including Georgetown and Stanford University in Washington DC. He has authored and co-authored a number of publications in these fields and has been honoured many times for his work on global environmental initiatives and cooperation.

Richard Merzian, Director, Climate & Energy Programme, The Australia Institute

Richard's career over the last ten years has been characterised by developing creative, strategic solutions to global problems in a unique blend of domains including international diplomacy, negotiation training, climate change advocacy, board management, program design, and planning and promoting major events.

Richard has a track record of building teams and facilitating coalitions to resolve complex problems. Known for his integrity and advocacy, he brings exceptional inter-personal skills, with deep experience in change management and strategy. His ambition is to lead change that makes a progressive impact. Currently doing that through the Australian Government Taskforce to lead the Green Climate Fund, the world's largest fund dedicated to helping developing countries address climate change.



Richard's passion is working with people to build common interests, coalitions and movements to facilitate progressive solutions through Government, Not-For-Profits or the Private Sector – each with a role to play in addressing these wicked global problems.