

## **GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2023:**

### **Biodiversity and Sustainable Development**

## **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **LUCIANO ANDRIAMARO**

**Director, Science and Knowledge Department, Conservation International**

Biologist as a background with a PhD degree in Biology and Animal Conservation with freshwater biodiversity specialty, she is a field-based person. She is among the experts of wetlands and freshwater solicited in the various working groups and platform requiring this proficiency. During many years, she has overseen activities related to biodiversity and its conservation across different approaches from research and study to the recovery and well-being of the surrounding people that protects it.



### **ELENA LAZOS CHAVERO**

**Professor-researcher, IISUNAM**

Since 1992 with a degree in Biology from UNAM and an MA in Social Anthropology from ENAH. PhD in Anthropology and Socio-economics of Development, at EHESS, Paris, France. Her lines of research are political ecology around the conservation of agro-diversity and food sovereignty, perceptions and impacts on transgenic corn, gender and rural development, vulnerability to climate change, culture and power around the conservation of resources natural. Has coordinated 23 research projects on socio-environmental and territorial dynamics around agro-diversity and biodiversity. She is a member of the National System of Researchers (III) and has been awarded the (PRIDE D).



## **SÉBASTIEN TREYER**

**Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), France**

A graduate from École Polytechnique, chief engineer of the Corps of Bridges, Water and Forests, and PhD in environmental management, he was in charge of foresight studies at the French Ministry of the Environment, and played an active role in leading the interface between science and policy and scientific programming at the European Commission, the French National Research Agency, and territorial actors such as the Seine Normandy Water Agency.



## **VANESSA USHIE**

**Acting Director, African Natural Resources Centre, African Development Bank**

A Nigerian citizen, Dr. Ushie has over 20 years of experience in natural resources policy. She has worked in various roles in policy think-tanks, civil society, the private sector, and multilateral organizations, including the African Development Bank. She joined the Bank in 2018 and currently heads the Economic and Policy Analysis Division in the African Natural Resources Centre. In this role, she leads a team of experts to generate knowledge, and provide advice and technical assistance to the Bank's regional member countries on natural resources policies and investments. Her Division also engages in policy dialogue and advocacy on sustainable, integrated natural resources management.



## **THOMAS ELMQVIST**

**Professor, Natural Resource Management, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University**

His research is focused on ecosystem services, land use change, urbanization, natural disturbances and components of resilience including the role of social institutions. He serves as associated editor for the journals Ecology and Society, Conservation and Society, Ecosystem services, and Sustainability Science. He has led the Cities and Biodiversity project, currently leading the Future Earth project "What is Urban" and he is part of the scoping expert



group on regional and subregional assessments for IPBES. In 2018, he was awarded the BiodivERsA Prize for Excellence and Impact. BiodivERsA is a network of national and regional funding organisations promoting pan-European research on biodiversity and ecosystem services. He is also a member of the board of directors for Mistra Urban Futures.

## **SUNEETHA M SUBRAMANIAN**

**Research Fellow, Biodiversity and Society Programme, UNU-IAS**

She has more than 15 years of experience in international and sub-national research and capacity building activities relating to biodiversity and human well-being with a specific focus on equity, traditional knowledge, linking policy goals to local priorities and community well-being, assessment of changes to ecosystems and human wellbeing, socioecological resilience, and joint implementation of policies and actions on Health and Biodiversity at the community level. She is currently a visiting fellow with the United Nations University and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan. She has been involved in various assessments of IPBES (Regional, Global and currently Values Assessment) as Lead/Co-ordinating Lead author and is on the Editorial board of the sustainability Science Journal and the Journal of Ecosystems and People.



## **ODILE CONCHOU**

**Senior Advisor, Biodiversity and Finance, AFD**

Odile Conchou is Senior Advisor on finance and biodiversity at the French Agency of Development (AFD) and TNFD Development Finance Network Lead. She previously was Financial Sector Lead at the Secretariat of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Previously, she held various positions in the AFD Group (notably Head of the ESG and Impact Department of Proparco, AFD's private sector arm) and in public and private organizations. She holds a PhD in Ecology from the French National Center of Scientific Research.



## **JEAN-LOUIS ARCAND**

**President, Global Development Network and  
Founding Fellow of the European Development Research Network**

Professor Jean-Louis Arcand is a Canadian economist and professor of economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, as well as an affiliate professor at the Université Mohammed VI Polytechnic in Rabat. He is a Founding Fellow of the European Development Research Network (EUDN), a Senior Fellow at the Fondation pour les études et recherches en développement international (FERDI) and has been a Visiting Professor at Renmin University of China in Beijing, Universidade Federal da Bahia and several universities in Africa and the Caribbean. He was assistant and then Associate Professor at the University of Montréal, and Professor at the Centre d'études et de recherches en développement international (CERDI).



## **JESSE GOUREVITCH**

**High Meadows Post-Doctoral Economics Fellow, Environmental Defense Fund**

Jesse Gourevitch's research examines the economic impacts of climate change on households and communities across the United States, and in turn, how property owners, private companies, and public institutions are responding to these growing risks. Underlying this work is a broad interest in how environmental impacts are distributed among demographic and socioeconomic groups. Prior to joining the Environmental Defense Fund, Jesse worked at the Wharton Risk Center at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California, Davis. There, his research focused on how US housing markets are responding to increasing flood risk under climate change and the effectiveness of federal programs designed to reduce flood damages. Jesse earned his Ph.D. in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont in 2021 and his B.A. in environmental studies from Carleton College in 2014.



## **VALERIE HICKEY**

**Global Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy,  
The World Bank**

Prior to this, Valerie Hickey was with the Climate Change Group, where she oversaw the implementation of the World Bank's commitments on climate change, climate mainstreaming and climate finance. She has worked with ENB in Latin America and the Caribbean, supporting countries and communities on issues related to climate change, sustainable forest management, integrated conservation and development, integrated coastal zone management, environmental risk management and more. Before joining the World Bank, Valerie worked for the World Wild Fund for Nature, Wildlife Conservation Society and the US National Park Service. Valerie holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Policy from Duke University.



## **MARIA FERNANDA ENRIQUEZ**

**Institute of Behavioral Science - Senior Program Manager Environment and Society,  
University of Colorado Boulder**

María Fernanda's professional career has been focused on providing high-level operational support to international organizations and academic institutions. Before joining IBS, she worked at Future Earth (hosted by CU Boulder until 2022) and ISET-International, a Boulder-based international environmental organization. Previously she worked with the United Nations Global Environment Facility-Small Grants Program in Ecuador, where she managed grants afforded to hundreds of local grassroots organizations. She earned a Ph.D. in Political Science in 2014 from the University of Connecticut, and her research focused on environmental social movements and indigenous peoples.

