



Global Leadership for Sustainable Development Panel

Biographies



Paul Clements-Hunt

Head, United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

Paul has been the Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative (FI) since November 2000.

UNEP FI, based in Geneva, is the largest partnership between the United Nations and the financial services sector counting more than 160 banks, insurers and asset managers as members. UNEP FI was instrumental in the 2006 launch of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) now backed by close to 170 institutional asset owners and managers representing \$8,000bn of institutional assets.

Paul was invited in 2007 to join the Financial Times (FT) Sustainability Banking Awards judges panel and the United Nations special climate change panel on finance and investment.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Paul spent 1998-2000 representing the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) directing the organisation's policy work in energy, environment and sustainable development. From 1991 to 1998, he was based in Bangkok, Thailand, where he founded the country's first environmental strategy consultancy. In 1994 Paul took the idea for an Asia-Pacific wide environmental strategy service to the world's largest testing, inspection, and certification company, Société

Générale de Surveillance (SGS). He developed the business for the SGS Group as the SGS-Environmental Information Unit. Paul lives near Geneva with his wife and two sons.



Mark Halle

Director (Trade and Investment) and European Representative, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Mark Halle is the Director of the IISD's office in Europe and he leads IISD's global programme on Trade & Investment. He supervises the Global Subsidies Initiative, based in the Geneva office of IISD and contributes to work on Environment and Security. He established the European office of IISD, beginning in 1998.

Prior to that, he spent fourteen years in IUCN, progressing from field operations through development, to become Director of Global Policy and Partnerships. He came to IUCN following a four-year stint in WWF-International's Conservation Division, and five years in the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

Mark is a founder of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and sits on a variety of international boards, including that of WWF-Italy. He was Vice-Chair of IUCN-CEESP from 2000-2004, responsible for Environment and Security. He publishes frequently on a range of topics relating to sustainable development.



Vesile Kulaçoglu

Director of the Trade and Environment Division of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Mrs. Vesile Kulaçoglu is Director of the Trade and Environment Division of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2003. Prior to that she worked on various WTO Agreements having acted as GATT/WTO Secretary to the Committees on Technical Barriers to Trade, Government Procurement; Balance of Payments; Regional Trade Arrangements; Customs Valuation; Import Licensing; and the Legal Drafting Group for the WTO Agreements. She has a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University, New York, and an Economics degree from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.



Julia Marton-Lefèvre

Director-General, World Conservation Union (IUCN)

Julia is Director-General of IUCN, an organization which brings together Governments, NGOs and scientists in a unique world partnership of over 1000 members spread across most of the globe.

Prior positions have included: Rector of the UN-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE); Executive Director of LEAD

(Leadership for Environment and Development) International; Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU); Programme Specialist in Environmental Education under a joint UNESCO-UNEP Programme, university teacher in Thailand as a Peace Corps Volunteer, and a staff member of the Fund for Education and Peace in New York.

Julia is a member of a number of boards and commissions including: the Council of UPEACE, the Board of Directors of LEAD International and of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); the Board of Trustees of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina; and the Council of Earth Charter International. Prior board memberships have included the World Resources Institute (WRI), International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), the International Advisory Board to the Lemelson Foundation, two corporate environmental advisory boards: to the Dow Chemical Company and to The Coca-Cola Company and the China Council for International Cooperation in Environment and Development. She has also served on ICSU's Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED); the InterAcademy Council's Panel on Promoting Worldwide Science and Technology Capacities for the 21st Century and on the jury of the Saint Andrew's and Alcan Prizes.

Julia Marton-Lefèvre has co-authored numerous books and papers. In 1999 she received the AAAS Award for International Cooperation in Science. She is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of the United Kingdom. She studied history, ecology and environmental planning in the US and in France and was born in Hungary.



Panel - 'Global Leadership for Sustainable Development'

Overview and Learning Objectives

Overview

The leadership panel provides a unique opportunity to learn from the experience of a group of high-achieving panellists drawn from prominent multilateral organisations, each with their individual stories to tell. So in addition to asking how the panellists go about providing leadership for sustainable development in a global context, you will have a chance to put forward more personal questions about issues that are of interest to you. At the time of writing the panel will include:

- **Paul Clements-Hunt** Head of Unit, United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative
- **Mark Halle** Director, Trade and Investment and European Representative, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- **Julia Marton-Lefèvre** Director-General, World Conservation Union
- **Vesile Kulaçoglu** Director, Trade and Environment division, World Trade Organization

Some of the topics that we have asked the panellists to cover are:

- How does your organisation provide global leadership for sustainable development? What is your personal contribution? What are the challenges and opportunities for you and your organisation?
- Are the existing multilateral structures concerning sustainable development adequate? What changes are needed to put the world on a sustainable path?
- How did you begin your career? Did you have a mentor and how did they help you?
- What do you enjoy most about the leadership role? What part of your job as leader would most like to give up?
- Who is a leader for you and why? What, if any, leadership models or approaches do you consciously follow?
- What advice would you give to future leaders?

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this session Associates will have acquired:

- New insights into leadership for sustainable development and some memorable stories that will serve well examples of good practice for the future;
- Broader perspectives on a number of leadership approaches and issues e.g. gender, age, sectoral factors, organisational culture;
- Greater awareness of the kind of leadership skills and knowledge that are required in a changing world.

We also hope Associates will be inspired and motivated to try out new ways of being a leader.