

BIOGRAPHIES OF MODERATORS AND SPEAKERS

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H.E. Gunnar Wiegand, EEAS Managing Director for Asia-Pacific

Gunnar Wiegand is a German diplomat. He graduated in Law, University of Hamburg in 1982. He has Master of Arts in International Relations, Paul S. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC (1985). He can speak German, English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese

Professional experience:

- January 2016 – Present:
EEAS Managing Director for the Asia and the Pacific
EU Senior Official for ASEM
EU Senior Official for relations with ASEAN
- 2011 – 2015: EEAS Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, OSCE and Northern Dimension
- 2008 – 2011: Director for Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, European Commission, DG RELEX
- 2006 – 2008: Head of Unit, Relations with Russia and the Northern Dimension European Commission, DG RELEX
- 2003 – 2006: Head of Unit, Relations with the United States and Canada European Commission, DG RELEX
- 1999 – 2002: Spokesman for Lord Chris Patten, EU Commissioner for External Relations, European Commission
- 1999 – 1996: Deputy Head of Unit, United States and Canada European Commission, DG RELEX
- 1993 – 1996: Policy Assistant to the Director General for External Economic Relations European Commission, DG RELEX
- 1991 – 1993: Desk Officer for the TACIS programme European Commission
- 1990 – 1991: Desk Officer for GDR and external aspects of German reunification European Commission
- 1987 – 1990: Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany

	1985 – 1987: Institute of European - Latin American Relations (IRELA), Spain
	<p>Dr. Pham Lan Dung, Acting President of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam</p> <p>Dr. Pham Lan Dung is the Acting President of Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, she is also the Director-General of Foreign Service Training Center (FOSET), member of Executive Council of Asian Society of International Law, Vice-President and Secretary-General of Viet Nam Society of International Law. She can speak Vietnamese, English and Russian.</p> <p>Professional experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2020 – present: Acting President, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam - 2018 – 2020: Vice President, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam - 2016 – present: Vice President & Secretary-General, Viet Nam society of International Law - 2015 – present: Director-General, Foreign Service Training Center - 2010 – 2015: Dean/ Faculty of International, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam

Session 1:

	<p>Dr. Nguyen Hung Son, Vice-President of the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (Moderator)</p> <p>Nguyen Hung Son is Vice President of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam in charge of research. He oversees the two research institutes of the academy, i.e. the Institute for Strategic studies and the East Sea (South China Sea) Institute.</p> <p>Nguyen Hung Son’s research focus on major powers relations, regional security issues, including maritime security and Vietnam’s foreign policy. As a diplomat, Nguyen Hung Son served as Minister Counsellor of the Vietnam Embassy in Ottawa, Canada (2015-2018) and Second Secretary of the Vietnam Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden (2004-2006).</p> <p>He also served at the ASEAN department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during which period he extensively participated in regional summits, and had hands on experience on many regional processes and issues involving ASEAN. He was member of the Vietnam High Level Task Force delegation negotiating the ASEAN Charter in 2006-2007. While he was serving as the head of the ASEAN</p>
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	<p>Standing Committee division at the ASEAN department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam presided over the ASEAN Standing Committee from July 2000 to July 2001.</p> <p>Nguyen Hung Son got his B.A. degree from the National Economic University of Vietnam, an M.Sc. degree on International Economics from Birmingham University of the United Kingdom, and a Phd. degree on International Relations at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.</p>
	<p>H.E. David Daly, EU Ambassador to Thailand</p> <p>H.E. Mr David Daly is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to the Kingdom of Thailand. Ambassador David Daly has worked for the European Union for more than 30 years and previously served in the Irish Diplomatic service.</p> <p>Before posting in Thailand, Ambassador David Daly was the Head of Southeast Asian Division at the European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union from 2016 to 2021.</p> <p>Ambassador David Daly also served as the Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives (2013-2016) and before that to Australia and New Zealand (2009-2013).</p> <p>Previously he was the Acting Director in the European Commission responsible for the accession negotiations of Croatia and Turkey to the European Union and for relations between the EU and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He was responsible for relations with many countries of the Western Balkans since 2000. Ambassador David Daly was posted to Budapest (1996-2000) and worked as a textiles trade negotiator for the EU (1991-1996), including serving on a standing disputes settlement and notification panel at the WTO in Geneva (Textiles Monitoring Body).</p> <p>Ambassador David Daly has a Master’s Degree in Economic Science (European Studies) from Dublin University, Trinity College, Dublin (1987); an Honours degree as Bachelor of Public Administration from University College Dublin (1984), and Graduate Membership of the Institute of Personnel Management, London (1984).</p>



H.E. Ina Marčiulionytė, EU Ambassador to Lao PDR

Ina Marčiulionytė was born in Lithuanian. She major in Lithuanian language and literature, specialization in translation from English (1981-1986). From 2004 to 2005, she study PhD course on international relations and diplomacy. She can speak Lithuanian, English, French, Russian

Professional experience:

- 09.2020 – Present: European Union Ambassador to the Lao PDR
- 09.2015 – 08.2020: Ambassador of Lithuania to the People's Republic of China, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- 07.2011 – 09.2015: Director-General of Latin America, Middle East, Asia, Africa and Pacific Department.
- 01.2003 – 01.2010: Ambassador of Lithuania to UNESCO.



H.E. Carmen Moreno, EU Ambassador to Cambodia

Ms. Carmen Moreno Raymundo is a Spanish diplomat who serves as the European Union ambassador to Cambodia and was the Spanish ambassador to Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia from December 2012 until June 2017.

Moreno received a law degree from the Autonomous University Madrid (1983-1988), Spain Postgraduate Degree on Cultural Management (2004), Master's Degree on Contemporary China and International Relations (2010-2011) and Postgraduate Degree on Armed and Political Conflicts(2017). She can speak Spanish, English, French, Italian

Professional experience:

- 09.2019 - present: Ambassador of the European Union to Cambodia
- 08.2017 - 09.2019: SOM ASEM and Special Representative to Afghanistan
- 12.2013 - 07.2017: Ambassador of Spain to Thailand, accredited to Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar
- 12.2012 - 12.2013: Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General of Foreign Affairs
- 07.2008 - 12.2012: Director Cooperation for Asia, Africa and Middle East at AECID (Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation)
- 08.2005 - 07.2008: Cultural Counsellor at the Embassy of

	<p>Spain in Beijing, (China)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 08.2003 - 07.2005: Consul at the Consulate General of Spain in Havana (Cuba) - 05.2000 - 07.2003: Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General of Foreign Affairs - 08.1999 - 05.2000: Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General - 08.1996 - 07.1999: Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Kuala, Lumpur (Malaysia) - 08.1994 - 07.1996: Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in New Delhi (India) - 08.1991 - 07.1994: Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Islamabad (Pakistan)
	<p>H.E. Giorgio Aliberti, EU Ambassador to Viet Nam</p> <p>Pier Giorgio Aliberti is the European Union Ambassador to Vietnam since 1st of September 2019. His previous post was Deputy Principal Director for Asia and Oceania at the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. He has served as Italian Ambassador to Myanmar from June 2015 to June 2018. His career was mostly focused on European and Asian matters.</p> <p>He graduated in Economics at Bocconi University in Milan, continued his studies at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in France, and had his MSc in Applied Environmental Economics at Wye College, University of London, UK. He lectured at Universities and international research centres in various European countries and participated as speaker on EU and Asian matters in many events. He published articles on EU and Western Balkans matters.</p>

Session 2:



Prof. Marco Abbiati, expert on climate and water issues (Moderator)

Marco Abbiati graduated in Biology (cum laude) at the University of Pisa obtained the PhD in Environmental Sciences at the University of Genoa, currently is professor of Ecology and Environmental Sciences at Alma Mater University of Bologna. He spent more than 30 years in the academy actively contributed to develop innovative degrees and undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programmes on Environmental Management and Conservation. Since June 2020 he is on temporary leave from the Academy to take over the position of Science Counsellor at the Embassy of Italy to Vietnam.

Marco Abbiati main research interests are environmental conservation and sustainable development, climate change mitigation and resilience, impact of pollution, biodiversity conservation, with a focus coastal habitats. He is author and co-author of more the 100 papers published in international scientific journals, book chapters and of numerous presentations to national and international conferences. He has been the coordinator of several research projects addressing fundamental and applied research founded by the EU Framework Programmes, by Italian Ministries and by private companies.



Assoc. Prof. Chaiyuth SUKHSRI, Thai National Mekong Committee.

Assoc. Prof. Chaiyuth SUKHSRI is an Expert Member, Thai National Mekong Committee (TNMC) and External Reader for Graduate Program, Department of Water Resources Engineering (CU WRE), Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University Civil Engineering

Career Summary:

- Head, Department of Water Resources Engineering (CU WRE), Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University (CU), Thailand, (retired in 2013)
- Team Leader, MRC-GEF Water Utilization Program, Mekong River Commission (MRC)
- Project Fellow, Preparatory Legal Studies (Drafting Mekong Agreement), Interim Mekong Committee (IMC)
- Technical Advisor, Department of Water Resources (DWR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE)
- Member of the Technical Experts, Committee on Environmental Impact Assessment from Water Resources Project, Thailand National Environmental Board (NEB), MoNRE



Dr. Pech Sokhem, Mekong Water Diplomacy Scholar, and Climate Change and Environmental Law and Policy Advisor

Dr. Pech holds a PhD degree in a multi-disciplinary and sustainability science, Tohoku University, Japan, and two master degrees from the Graduate Faculty, University of Calgary, Canada, in international water law and environmental governance, and the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) in public laws and diplomacy.

His academic knowledge has been enriched by 30 year-long experience in leading research and development, and public policy and diplomatic advisory services for the governments, inter-governmental organizations, development partners and financing institutions in the Mekong Region, North America and Asia Pacific.

Career Summary:

- 2021-Present: Independent Researcher and Advisor in Public Policy, Diplomacy, and Law.
- 2020-2021: Executive Director, Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), Cambodia.
- 2007-2020: Manager and then Director, of International Project Group, Senior River Basin and Environmental Specialist, Hatfield Ltd., and Pech Climate System Consultancy and Research Ltd. British Columbia, Canada.
- 2004 to 2007: Senior Policy Researcher, Japan Science and Technology Agency, CREST Project, Yamanashi, Japan.
- 2001 to 2004: Director of Technical Support Division (TSD), Deputy CEO (2002 to 2003), Mekong River Commission Secretariat (MRCS).
- 2000 to 2001: Senior Program Officer/Legal Advisor, Office of Chief Executive Officer, MRCS.
- 1997 to 2000: Director, Cabinet of Minister and Senior Legal Advisor; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA&IC), Cambodia.
- 1995 to 1997: Deputy Director, Legal and Consular Department, MFA&IC, Cambodia.
- 1991 to 1993: Officer of the International Organizations Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 1981 to 1985: Desk Officer, the Soviet Union and Eastern European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

	<p>Mr. Richard Javad Heydarian, Associate Professor in politics at Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and columnist for the Philippine Daily Inquirer.</p> <p>Richard Javad Heydarian is an Asia-based academic, author and policy adviser. He has delivered lectures at the world’s leading universities, including Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, and Leiden University, and was previously a Visiting Fellow at National Chengchi University (Taiwan), and an Assistant Professor in political science at De La Salle University. As a columnist, he has written for the world’s leading publications, including The New York Times, Washington Post, The Guardian, Foreign Affairs. He is also a regular contributor to leading global think tanks such as Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Brookings Institution, and Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). His latest books are “The Rise of Duterte: A Populist Revolt against Elite Democracy” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017) and “The Indo-Pacific: Trump, China, and the New Global Struggle for Mastery” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019). His forthcoming book is “China’s New Empire” (Melbourne University Press, 2022).</p>
	<p>Mr. Kavi Chongkittavorn, Journalist for The Bangkok Post (Thailand).</p> <p>Mr. Kavi Chongkittavorn is a veteran journalist. For over three decades he has been with the Bangkok-based English-language newspaper, The Nation, first as a reporter and foreign news editor, then as a correspondent in Phnom Penh (1988-1989) and Hanoi (1989-1992), a leading writer, and as managing editor. In 2009, he won ASEAN Media Award in printed media by ASEAN Association – Thailand. Now, he is a Senior Fellow at Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University</p> <p>Career Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1984 Joined The Nations Multimedia group - 1993 Reuters Fellow at Oxford University - 1995-96 Special Assistant to ASEAN Secretary General based in Jakarta - 1999 Chairman Southeast Asian Press Alliance - 2001 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University - 2004-07 President of the UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize jury - 2017 Editor-in-chief of Myanmar Times

Session 3:



H.E. Elsbeth Akkerman, Ambassador of The Netherlands to Vietnam (Moderator)

Before taking on her current position, Ms. Akkerman was the Netherlands Deputy Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organisation. She was also heading the Economic Affairs Section of the Netherlands Mission to the United Nations and other International Organisations. This Economic Section is responsible for trade and development issues and closely cooperates with related Geneva based organisations such as the UNCTAD, ILO, WIPO, WEF and ITC.

Previously, she was the acting Director of the International Trade Policy and Economic Governance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This department's responsibilities cover trade policies, policies on corporate social responsibility and export controls on strategic goods.

From 2005 – 2011 she was a member of the management team of the Department for International Affairs of the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. In that position, her main focuses were food security issues and EU co-ordination related to the monthly Agriculture and Fisheries' Council.

In 1997 Elsbeth started her career at the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs where she engaged in several private and public sector development programmes in Central and Eastern Europe as project advisor at first and as manager in later stage.

She graduated from Twente Technical University with a Master in Public Administration and followed several management and leadership courses since then.

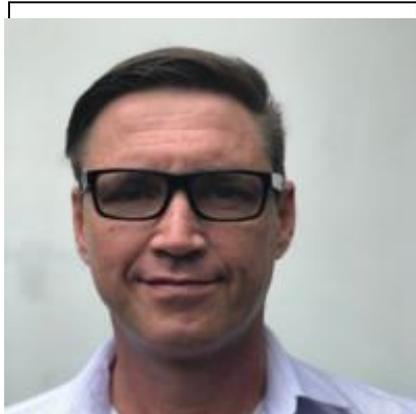


Associate Professor Le Anh Tuan, Senior Lecturer, Can Tho University.

Dr. Le Anh Tuan has been working at Can Tho University since 1982 and currently holds the position of Senior Lecturer at the College of Environment and Natural Resources. He also is the Scientific Advisor of the Research Institute for Climate Change – Can Tho University (DRAGON inst. – Mekong), Vietnam. Dr. Tuan is currently a member of the Advisory Board of Vietnam Rivers Network (VRN) and the Mekong River Delta Network for Environmental Protection and Climate Change Adaptation (MekongNet).

Tuan completed his Bachelor of Engineering in Water Management and Land Improvement at Can Tho University, Vietnam in 1982 and Master of Engineering in Water Resources Engineering at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand in 1990. He finished PhD. in Applied BioSciences and Engineering, specialized in Environmental Hydrology at Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. In 2012, Dr. Tuan was officially recognized as an Associate Professor in Earth Sciences of Can Tho University.

	<p>Dr. Tuan has many years in teaching and research in the fields of Water Resources Planning and Management, Environmental Engineering, Climate Change and Natural Disasters, Hydrology and Meteorology. Up to present, Dr. Tuan has more than 50 publications, both English and Vietnamese, including international and national journal articles, conference and workshop proceedings, books, book chapters.</p>
	<p>Dr So Nam, Chief Environment Management Officer, Mekong River Commission</p> <p>Dr. So Nam is the Chief Environment Management Officer of the Environmental Management Division, Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat. He has obtained a PhD degree in Biology with research topic on water resources and environmental management from Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, in February 2005. He has more than 25 years of work experiences in Southeast Asia and European countries, with nearly 20 years in research, development, planning, and management of water resources and environment in the Mekong region and MRC Member Countries, covering a wide range of areas, including fisheries, aquaculture, water resources, environment, irrigation, hydropower, navigation, agriculture, and climate change adaptation. He has prepared more than 200 technical reports and published nearly 80 peer-reviewed papers in international journals, including the two world top journals <i>Science</i> and <i>Nature</i>.</p>
	<p>Mr. Jake Brunner, International Union for Conservation of Nature</p> <p>Based in Hanoi, Brunner is Head of the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Indo-Burma Group covering Vietnam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Myanmar. Before joining IUCN in 2008, Jake spent eight years running Conservation International’s Indo-Burma Program from Washington, DC, Hanoi, and Phnom Penh. Previously, Jake spent eight years at World Resources Institute, an environmental policy research center in Washington, DC. He holds a BA in Geography from Oxford University and a MS in Remote Sensing/GIS from London University.</p>

	<p>Mr. Kim Geheb, Senior Researcher, Center for International Forestry Research</p> <p>Mr. Kim Geheb is a senior natural resources management and governance specialist with a 15-year experience in the Mekong regional water sector. He is currently a Senior Scientist with the Center for International Forestry Research, and has also worked with the Mekong Region Futures Institute, the CGIAR and the Mekong River Commission. He has worked with livelihoods and water, transboundary natural resources management, agriculture, wildlife, fisheries, wetlands and soils. Kim holds a doctorate from the University of Sussex, UK.</p>
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Session 4

	<p>Dr. Le Dinh Tinh, Director-General of the Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies (Moderator)</p> <p>Dr. Le Dinh Tinh is currently Director General, Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (DAV). Previously, he was Deputy Director General at the Bien Dong Institute for Maritime Studies. During 2013-2017, he was Political Counselor at the Embassy of Viet Nam in Washington DC.</p> <p>Before 2011, he also held other positions such as Deputy Director General of the Department of Policy Planning and Deputy Chief of the Cabinet - Viet Nam Ministry of Foreign Affairs. With a focus on Viet Nam foreign policy and Asia-Pacific security, his various publications have appeared on the Diplomat, Global Asia, East Asia Forum, ISEAS Perspective, RSIS Commentary, CSIS, Asia-Pacific Bulletin, the World Today-Chatham House, Maritime Issues, Interpreter, Routledge, Russian Journal of Vietnamese Studies, Southeast Asian Affairs and domestic publishing houses. His latest book "American Foreign Policy: A Neo-realist Interpretation and the Case of Vietnam since Normalization" was published in 2020. He has appeared on major media outlets such as VNA, NHK, SCMP, Sunday Guardian Live, Atlantic, HuffPost, and others. A frequent commentator on domestic and international media, he also speaks at policy fora in and beyond the country.</p> <p>He obtained his PhD from DAV, MPA from the University of Hawaii, was a degree fellow at the East West Center (funded by the ADB) during 2002-2004, and attended multiple training courses organized by the Ford Foundation, Asia Foundation and PISA-George Washington University from 2000-2005.</p>
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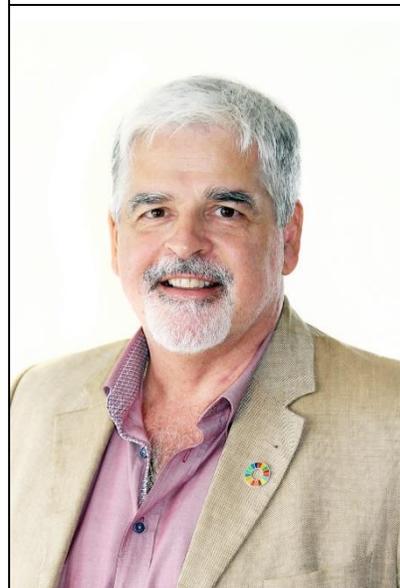


Mr. Felix Zaharia, Romanian diplomat, Deputy Director General of the Danube Commission Secretariat in July 2019

Felix Zaharia is a Romanian diplomat who assumed the role of Deputy Director General of the Danube Commission Secretariat in July 2019. He previously served as legal advisor to the same organization from 2016 to 2019 and as a Transatlantic Diplomatic Fellow with the Office of Space and Advanced Technology of the US State Department.

Between 2006 and 2015 he held a number of roles in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, in Bucharest, mainly in the field of international law. He also served, or serves, in various capacities in international environmental bodies, such as the Kyoto Protocol, the Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes, the Espoo Convention on Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment and others.

He has dealt extensively with water law and water cooperation issues both at the Romanian level, within bilateral transboundary water commissions, as well as at European level. He taught international law and international relations at the University of Bucharest in Romania and the University of Bologna in Italy.



Mr. Niall O'Connor, Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI) Asia Centre Director

Mr. Niall O'Connor brings a wealth of experience to the Stockholm Environment Institute, having worked in government, academia and non-government organizations. He took over as SEI Asia Director in 2016, with over 20 years of environment and development senior leadership, programme management and academic capacity in his background. His commitment to environment and development has strong roots: As an undergraduate Niall interned in Kenya, where he developed his passion for the kind of forestry that integrates with the interests of local communities. He later returned to Africa for his Master's agroforestry fieldwork in partnership with ICRAF.

After a spell advising on farm forestry with the Irish agricultural agency, Teagasc, Niall again returned to Africa to work with the Agroforestry Research Unit for the Government of The Gambia. There, he initiated research programmes to generate agroforestry systems suited to sub-Saharan Africa's agroecological zones.

This research role offered the challenge of designing and refining practical solutions, but not to implement them. Recognition of the importance of responsible implementation motivated Niall to shift to the management of development programmes, where implementation can bring direct and immediate improvements to the lives of people in vulnerable communities.

He then applied this approach for Concern Universal as Country Director in Gambia, Ghana and Senegal, where Niall oversaw multiple programmes, including the development of a global award-winning agricultural business,

Gambia is Good, working in partnerships with communities and with local businesses and industry.

Later, Niall worked for seven years with the World Wide Fund for Nature in various senior management positions across Africa. First, he served as the Regional Representative of WWF Madagascar & West Indian Ocean, and next he accepted the Directorship of WWF’s Performance and Development Africa. Then Niall became the Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, WWF’s biggest Programme Office that administered six country offices and 450 employees, where he found a challenge and opportunity to demonstrate his strong leadership and management skills.

Niall holds a BSc and an MSc in Forestry, both from University College Dublin, and an MSc in Biodiversity Conservation from Imperial College London, with a specialty in community-managed nature park conservation.



Mr. Nick Reijmers, Global Project Development Manager, Boskalis International.

Nick Reijmers works as a project development manager at Boskalis and has extensive experience in business development in emerging economies. Nick has, amongst others, previously been stationed for Boskalis in Africa and is currently involved in the early-stage development of maritime infrastructure projects.

Mr. Reijmers joined Boskalis directly after graduating in 2010 as Superintendent on various dredging and offshore projects all over the world. In 2014 he became Tender Manager for renewable energy projects in North-West-Europe and Asia. From 2014 until 2016 Mr. Reijmers held the position of Business Development Manager for Boskalis in West-Africa, based in Lagos, Nigeria. In 2017 and 2018 he was involved as Tender Manager in successful award several large port and reclamation projects in Singapore.

Since 2019 Mr Reijmers is responsible for the global business development activities of Boskalis International, including market development and involvement in long-term strategies. Furthermore Mr Reijmers is currently closely involved in the development of several large maritime projects in (amongst others) Vietnam.

Next to his roles at Boskalis, Mr. Reijmers is Program Director for the Flying Swans Foundation, a non-profit foundation funded by the Dutch government, aimed at developing logistical corridors and unlocking perishable export from developing countries.

Mr. Reijmers (1990) holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands. He holds various post-bachelors degrees in the field of International Contracting and Finance.



Prof. Andrea Castelletti Politecnico di Milano

Andrea Castelletti is a full professor of Natural Resources Management and Environmental Systems. Analysis and Management at Politecnico di Milano, Italy and a senior scientist at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, ETH Zurich, Switzerland. He received a MSc degree in Environmental Engineering and a PhD in Information Engineering from Politecnico di Milano in 1999 and 2005. He was visiting scholar at Cornell University, Lancaster University, and University of Western Australia. From 2007 to 2015 he was Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Water Research of the University of Western Australia. He is the head of the Environmental Intelligence Lab at Politecnico di Milano and Chair of the PhD Programme in Science, Technology, and Policy for Sustainable Change.

Dr. Castelletti research interest includes water systems planning and control under uncertainty and risk, decision-making for complex engineering systems, big environmental data analytics and smart sensing, information theory and selection for environmental decision making. He has been working for more than 15 years on Vietnamese water resources systems. (Red River and Mekong), exploring novel approach to sustainable and robust design and operation of water infrastructure. He has been and is currently involved in many international and national projects including several EU H2020 projects.