Commitment To A Chemical Safe Future for Health, Environment and Economic Growth

This document provides a brief background/biography/profile of the participants in the high level segment.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Keynote Speech by Ms. Victoria Tauli Corpuz

Thursday, 1 October 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m Room 2

**United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz is an indigenous leader from the Kankanaey Igorot people of the Cordillera Region in the Philippines. She is a social development consultant, indigenous activist, civic leader, human rights expert, public servant, and an advocate of women’s rights in the Philippines. She was the former Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She is the founder and executive director of Tebtebba Foundation. Ms. Tauli-Corpuz has founded and managed various NGOs involved in social awareness raising, climate change, the advancement of indigenous peoples’ and women’s rights. She is an Expert for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and has served as the chairperson-rapporteur of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations. She is also the indigenous and gender adviser of the Third World Network and a member of United Nations Development Programme Civil Society Organizations Advisory Committee.

Keynote Speech by Mr. Michel Giannuzzi

Thursday, 1 October 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m Room 2

**CEO Tarkett**

Michel was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Tarkett in September 2007. He has spent his entire career in various industries – beginning in 1988 with Michelin. From his initial diverse industrial responsibilities in France and the United Kingdom, he went on to manage a tire production unit using very innovative technologies before taking on the responsibility of reengineering the supply chain in Europe and becoming CEO of Michelin Japan. In 2001, he joined the Valeo Group as Vice President and member of the Executive Committee, successively in charge of the global Electrical Systems and Wiper Systems businesses.

Mr. Giannuzzi is a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique and Harvard Business School.
Keynote Speech by Mr. Boyan Slat

Founder and CEO of The Ocean Cleanup

Boyan Slat (1994) is a Dutch entrepreneur and inventor who developed world’s first feasible method to rid the oceans of plastic. Instead of going after the plastic, Boyan devised a system through which, driven by the ocean currents, the plastic would concentrate itself. According to feasibility research, the system should be able to clean up about half the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in 10 years’ time. Boyan Slat has been recognized as one of the 20 Most Promising Young Entrepreneurs Worldwide (Intel EYE50), and was crowned 2014 Champion of the Earth, the United Nations' highest environmental accolade. In 2015, HM King Harald of Norway awarded Boyan the maritime industry's Young Entrepreneur Award.

MODERATORS

Dr. Rolph Payet

Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Dr. Rolph Payet, former Minister for Environment and Energy, Seychelles, has been the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions since October 2014. Dr. Payet has a Doctorate in Environmental Science, degrees at master level in Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Business Administration (MBA) and Applied Environmental Economics, and an honours degree in Biochemistry. In addition to having been the Seychelles’ Chief Negotiator for the Basel Convention, the Montreal Protocol and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Dr. Payet also established important multi-stakeholder platforms, such as the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) and and co-chaired the International Coral Reef Initiative. He was Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third and Fourth Assessments and was elected as Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (FRGS) in 2007, in recognition of his contributions to marine research. He established the first university in Seychelles in 2009, and is its present ProChancellor. He also holds an associate professorship at the University of Linnaeus in Sweden.

Ms. Sally Fegan-Wyles

Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Research and Training

Ms Fegan-Wyles has worked for various parts of the United Nations including UNICEF, UNDP, UNDOCO, UNPBSO, UN Women and UNITAR for 36 years. During this period she has focused on effective leadership and management of UN support to governments, and the Reform of the United Nations. Since October 2012 she has been the Executive Director of the United Nations Institution for Training and research, UNITAR. Ms Fegan-Wyles trained as an economist, in Trinity College Dublin (BA Econ 1975) and then London School of Economics (Msc Econ, 1979). She was awarded an ODI Fellowship to serve as an economist in Malawi (1979-1980), and the UN Goodman Fellow in the Kennedy School of Government in Harvard (2008).
Dr. Maria Neira

Thursday, 1 October 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Room 2

Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health

Dr. Maria P. Neira was appointed Director of the Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland in September 2005. Prior to that, she was Vice-Minister of Health and President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency. She had previously held several senior positions in WHO. Dr Neira began her career as a medical coordinator working with refugees in the Salvador and Honduras for Médecins Sans Frontières. Dr Neira is a Spanish national, and a medical doctor by training. She specialized in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases; and Public Health. Dr Neira has been awarded the Médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite by the Government of France and is a member of the Academy of Medicine, Asturias, Spain.

Mr. Christian Friis Bach

Friday, 2 October 10.00 a.m.-11.45 a.m. Room 2

Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Mr. Christian Friis Bach was appointed as the Executive Secretary of UNECE in July 2014. Prior to this, Mr. Bach was a Member of the Danish Parliament and Head of the Parliamentarian Group for the Danish Social/Liberal Party and served as Denmark’s Minister for Development Cooperation and Special Advisor to the European Union Commission for the United Nations Global Sustainability Panel. Mr. Bach has a long history with civil society, notably as the International Director for the DanChurchAid and as Chairman of the Danish Association for International Cooperation. He also has private sector experience from running a start-up company and has worked as a journalist at the Danish Broadcasting Corporation. Mr. Bach holds a Ph.D. in International Economics, an MSc in Agronomy from the Royal Danish Agricultural University in Copenhagen and a supplementary degree in Journalism from the Danish School of Media and Journalism.
**Mr. Robert Pickersgill**  
*Thursday, 1 October 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m Room 3*  

**Minister of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change, Jamaica**  
Robert Dixon Pickersgill has had a long and distinguished political career in Jamaica and is a Member of Parliament since 1989. He has held several positions in the Peoples’ National Party (PNP). He is a former Treasurer and Vice President of the Party. Mr. Pickersgill is the longest serving Chairman of the PNP, a position which he presently holds. His Ministerial Portfolios are quite large comprising Public Utilities, Transport, Energy, Housing and Mining, and span over two decades. He is currently serving as the Minister of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change. His educational background includes a BA and Diploma in Education from the University of the West Indies. He is also a partner in the law firm of Pickersgill, Dowding and Bailey-Williams.

**Ms. Leticia Carvalho**  
*Thursday, 1 October 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m Room 3*  

**Director, Ministry of Environment, Brazil**  
Letícia Carvalho is Director of Environmental Quality at Industry in the Ministry of the Environment of Brazil, responsible for chemicals and air quality. She is also the President of the National Commission for Chemicals Safety. Before this current position, she was Head of Oil spills Contingency Planning at Marine and Coastal Division. She has also served as Coordinator of Sustainable Fisheries at National Fund of the Environment. Ms. Carvalho has published nationally and internationally on issues relating to chemicals management, air emissions, fisheries, Brazil's marine and coastal policies and environmental international law. She is an oceanographer and has a Master in Sustainable Development from University of Brasilia.

**Mr. Howard Minigh**  
*Thursday, 1 October 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m Room 3*  

**President and CEO of CropLife International**  
Howard Minigh has served as President and CEO of CropLife International, the global federation representing the plant science industry, since June 2006. He founded HM Advisors, LLC, a management advisory firm, and he was a partner in a boutique private equity partnership. From 2000-2003 he served as Group Vice President of Agriculture and Nutrition with DuPont. From 1995-2000, with American Home Products, he was President of Cyanamid Global Agricultural Products. Academically, he earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and two executive MBA degrees.
Mr. Narson Rafidimanana  
Ministry of Industry and Private Sector Development, Madagascar

Mr. Rafidimanana has an outstanding professional path in International Business Development and Administration in both the private and public sectors. He is currently the Minister for Industry and Development for the Private Sector and is also the Director General of the company “Fruid’iles Sarl” specialized in the exportation of lychees staffed by 300 employees. Prior to his current functions, Mr. Rafidimanana has been the Minister of Consumption and Commerce relations, the Deputy Mayor of the urban community of Toamasina in the Department of Finance as well as the Technical Department in charge of Infrastructure and Highway Development and the Director of a Company involved in urban waste management. His Excellency Rafidimanana holds a Master in International Business and a Specialized Diploma in Marketing from the European Management Institute in Paris.

Ms. Guvnor Ericson  
Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Sweden

Ms. Guvnor Ericson is the State Secretary to the Minister for Climate and the Environment and Deputy Prime Minister. Prior to this, she served as Political Adviser in the Coordination Secretariat of Government Officer, Head of Administration of the Swedish Green party Secretariat, Nurse at Kullberga Hospital. She has also served many elected positions such as Member of the Riksdag, County Council Commissioner and vice Chair in the County Council Executive Board in a six-party coalition, County Council Commissioner for public health and the environment, Chair of the Board, Swedish Association of Health Professionals, Södermanland branch and various positions in the Swedish Green Party.

Mr. Hubert Mandery  
Director General, European Chemical Industry Council

Hubert Mandery joined Cefic in September 2010 and became Director General of Cefic in November 2010. Prior to this, he was Managing Director Business Centre South Africa and Sub-Sahara and Head of BASF South Africa (2007-2009), Senior Vice-President for Trade Policy and general political issues (2004-2007). He started his career at BASF in research and became Group Leader for Analytical Chromatography in the BASF Central Analytical Laboratory. In 1993 he was appointed Director Product Safety and promoted Vice-President International Economic Relations in 2000. He holds a degree in Organic Chemistry and a Ph.D. from the Technical University of Karlsruhe.
Mr. Achim Steiner

Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Achim Steiner is the Executive Director of UNEP. He was also Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (2009-2011). Before joining UNEP, Mr. Steiner served as Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams. He worked both at grassroots level as well as at the highest levels of international policy-making to address the interface between environmental sustainability, social equity and economic development. Mr. Steiner serves on a number of advisory councils and boards including as the International Vice Chair of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development. His work has been recognized for a number of awards such as the Tallberg Foundation’s Award for Principled Pragmatism and the Steiger Award for “commitment and important work in the protection of the planet”. In 2009 His Serene Highness, Prince Albert of Monaco conferred upon Mr. Steiner the decoration of Officer of the Order of Saint Charles. His educational background includes a BA from the University of Oxford as well as an MA from the University of London with specialization in development economics and policy. He also studied at the German Development Institute in Berlin as well as the Harvard Business School.

Ms. Christine Dawson

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, US Department of State

Ms. Dawson is Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Environment in the U.S. Department of State. She served on the Policy Planning Staff in the Office of the Secretary and as senior advisor to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs. She taught at Georgetown University and served as Director of the Global Issues Program at The Aspen Institute. She was senior foreign policy advisor to several members of the U.S. Senate and worked for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. She has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations since 1994.

Ms. Barbara Hendricks

Minister of Environment, Germany

Ms. Barbara Hendricks is the Minister of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany and a board member of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Prior to this, she has served as the Treasurer and various other posts in the SPD, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Member of the German Bundestag, Head of the division for cross-border planning for the Ministry for Environment, Regional Planning and Agriculture of North Rhine-Westphalia, Member of the Party Council and Speaker for the Finance Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia. She studied history and social sciences at the university in Bonn and has a doctorate.
Mr. Tadesse Amera

**IPEN/Pesticide Action Nexus Association, Ethiopia**

Tadesse Amera is the founder and director of Pesticide Action Nexus Association (PAN-Ethiopia). Tadesse also works on e-waste management, Lead Paint Elimination and in assisting the Ethiopian government in the process of ratifying the Minamata Convention on Mercury. Tadesse worked as district environmental health coordinator under the ministry of health of Ethiopia for over four years and as project coordinator at different non-governmental organizations in Ethiopia. He has a BSc. in Environmental Health from Jimma University and Masters in Public Health (MPH) from Addis Ababa University Faculty of Medicine and is a candidate for PhD in Environmental Communication from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

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Mr. You Xiaoping

**Chairman Huafon**

You Xiaoping is the chairman of the board in Huafon Group and the vice-chairman of the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Association. He started an enterprise and established the industrial corporation in 1991. Under his leadership, Huafon Group has always adhered to the business philosophy of credit, win-win and innovation, and has been achieving a rapid and sustainable development. Now, Huafon Group has two IPO companies, more than 30 affiliate companies, and has become one of the leading companies in China new chemical materials. In 2008, You was elected as the 11th deputy to the National People’s Congress and was voted as the 12th again in 2012.

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Mr. Manny Calonzo

**Co-Chairman IPEN**

Manny Calonzo is an environmentalist with over 30 years of experience in promoting consumer rights, environment health and justice and chemical safety. He is Co-Chair of IPEN, a global organization working to establish safe chemicals policies and practices that protect human health and the environment, and also serves as its Global Lead Paint Elimination Advisor. A passionate campaigner against toxics, Manny contributed to the development and eventual adoption of the "Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds" in the Philippines, which sets a threshold limit of 90 parts per million for lead in paint and establishes a phaseout period for lead-containing decorative and industrial paints. In the Philippines, he’s part of the EcoWaste Coalition, a dynamic public interest group that runs a campaign on chemical safety and zero waste.