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# Panelist Biographies

## Speakers

### Yann Aguila

Partner, Bredin Prat; Professor of Public Law, Sciences Po and Paris Bar School; Chair of the Environmental Law Commission, Club des Juristes

Yann Aguila is Professor at Sciences Po Paris and partner in a Law Firm in Paris, head the firm's Public Law Practice. Prior to joining the bar, he was judge at the French Administrative Supreme Court, the Conseil d'État (1990/1995 –2001/2011). He also acted as legal adviser to the President of the Republic of Senegal (1995-2001). He chairs the Environment Commission of the French Think Tank Le Club des juristes, is the author of several reports on environmental law, including "Increasing the Effectiveness of International Environmental Law –Duties of States, rights of individuals" in 2015. He is the coordinator of the Group of Experts for the Pact (GEP), an international network of about 100 experts chaired by Laurent Fabius, president of the French Constitutional Council and former president of COP 21, which is at the heart of the initiative for a Global Pact for the Environment. In 2014, he was awarded the 2014 Law Book Prize for his book "Droit public français et européen" (in French) (French and European public law) that he co-authored with Bernard Stirn (President of the Litigation Division of the Conseil d'État).

### Joan Carling

Co-Convenor, Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development

Joan Carling is an indigenous rights activist and environmental defender from the Philippines. She has been defending land rights from grassroots to international levels for more than 20 years. Her main concerns include protection of land rights of indigenous peoples, ensuring sustainable development of natural resources and upholding human rights of marginalized people. She has actively participated in global processes to defend these concerns, including those related to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and REDD+. She has twice served as the Secretary General of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and Chairperson of the Cordillera People's Alliance. She was appointed by the UN Economic and Social Council as an indigenous expert and served as a member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues between 2014 and 2016. She is a member and co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2018, she received UN Environment's Champion of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award.

### John Denton

Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce

John W.H. Denton AO is the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce. He was previously a Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia's leading independent law firm. He is a Board member of IFM Global investors - one of the world's major infrastructure investors. He is a founding member of the B20, of the Australia - China CEO Roundtable and of Australia for UNHCR. He co-lead the Australian Government's White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century and previously

Chaired the APEC Finance and Economics Work Group. He is Chair of the Global Engagement Taskforce of the Business Council of Australia. He is a former diplomat and an Alumnus of Harvard Business School and the University of Melbourne. He is a Board member of the Australian Ballet and a founder of Human Rights Watch (Australia) and Teach for Australia. In 2015 he was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, the arts and the rights of refugees.

## Francisco Duarte Lopes

### Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations

Francisco Duarte Lopes is the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and a Co-Chair of the UNEP Working Group tasked with identifying gaps in international environmental governance and opportunities for new instruments to address those gaps. Prior to his appointment at the UN, he served in various roles at Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lisbon, including Ambassador, Political Director, Director-General for European Affairs, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State for European Affairs, and diplomatic advisor to the Prime Minister. He has also served as the coordinator and Counsellor in charge of Institutional Affairs at Portugal's Permanent Representation to the European Union, Director for Institutional Affairs at Portugal's Foreign Ministry, and adviser to the Secretary of State for European Union Affairs, as well as heading the Ministry's Human Resources Section and serving as Chargé d'affaires at Portugal's Embassy in Denmark. A career diplomat, he began his professional service as an attaché in the Foreign Ministry's Consular Section in 1989, before being posted to Pakistan from 1993 to 1995. Mr. Duarte Lopes holds a law degree from the Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa.

## Geneviève Dufour

### Professor of Law, University of Sherbrooke

Geneviève Dufour is a full professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Sherbrooke and Director of the Master of Laws Program in International Law and Applied International Policy. Her research focuses on free trade law issues as well as interactions between international trade, environmental law and human rights. She is President of the Quebec Society of International Law, a member of the Orientation Council of the Francophone International Law Network, a member of the Executive Committee of the Quebec Journal of International Law and a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of International Law. She is also a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Research Consortium for Governance of Major Infrastructure Projects KHEOPS, and a member of the steering committee and scientific director of simulation of the International Civil Aviation Organization. She is co-director of BAJI, the International Legal Aid Bureau, which she co-founded, in which she intervenes in international courts. She has been an observer on WTO-led trade negotiations since 2013. She completed a Master's degree in Public International Law at Université du Québec à Montréal and has been a member of the Quebec Bar since 2002.

# María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

## President of the 73rd Session, UN General Assembly

The President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, has more than twenty years of multilateral experience in international negotiations, peace, security, defense, disarmament, human rights, indigenous peoples, gender equality, sustainable development, environment, biodiversity, climate change and multilateral cooperation. She has served Ecuador as Minister of Foreign affairs (twice), Minister of National Defense, and Coordinating Minister of Natural and Cultural Heritage. In those capacities she coordinated the Sectorial Council on Foreign Policy and Promotion, which includes the Ministries of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, Foreign Trade, and the Environment. At the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, she promoted the adoption of the resolution presented by Ecuador entitled “Indigenous women: key actors in poverty and hunger eradication.” She was a chief negotiator at the sixteenth and seventeenth Conferences of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, where she facilitated the adoption of key elements in the outcome document entitled “The future we want.” In 2008 she was the first woman to become Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the UN in New York, where she led efforts at the global level towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

# Amal Mudallali

## Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations

Dr. Amal Mudallali is the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations, and a Co-Chair of the UNEP Working Group tasked with identifying gaps in international environmental governance and opportunities for new instruments to address those gaps. Prior to her appointment, she was the principal advisor on American Affairs to Prime Minister Saad Hariri of Lebanon. From 2013-2016, she was a Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, focusing on American-Arab relations, the Middle East (Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen), the United Nations, and nuclear proliferation. She also served as late Prime Minister Rafic Hariri’s foreign policy advisor from 2000-2005, as well as his Spokeswoman for the foreign press and head of his International Press Office from 1998-2000. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Communication from the University of Maryland and an M.A. in political communication from Syracuse University, New York. She also received a B.A. in Mass Communication from the Lebanese University.

# Carroll Muffett

## President and CEO of the Center for International Environmental Law

Carroll Muffett is President and CEO of the Center for International Environmental Law, a nonprofit organization that uses the power of law to protect the environment, promote human rights and ensure a just and sustainable society. Prior to joining CIEL, he served as Executive Director of the Climate Law & Policy Project and Deputy Campaigns Director at Greenpeace USA, where he was instrumental in the organization’s campaigns on global warming, forests and other issues. From 2000 to 2006, Carroll was international counsel and Senior Director for International Conservation at Defenders of Wildlife, helping win and defend international protections for high value timber species like mahogany. Before joining Defenders, Carroll was an attorney with Covington & Burling, and served as a legal fellow at CIEL. Carroll has authored numerous articles and textbook chapters on national and international environmental policy.

He is a recognized expert on the international law of wildlife and timber trade, and a leader in the emerging field of international legal responses to climate change. He is co-editor with Carl Bruch and Sandra Nichols of *Governance, Natural Resources and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding* (Routledge 2016) for the Environmental Law Institute and the United Nations Environment Programme.

## Nicholas Robinson

### Executive Governor of the International Council of Environmental Law

Nicholas A. Robinson is Executive Governor of the International Council of Environmental Law, and former Legal Advisor to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. He is University Professor for the Environment at Pace University, Kerlin Professor *Emeritus* at Pace's Elisabeth Haub School of Law, and Professor Adjunct at Yale University's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. A graduate of Columbia Law School, he served on the Legal Advisory Committee to the President's Council on Environmental Quality, was General Counsel to the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, and practiced environmental law in London and New York.

## Jeffrey D. Sachs

### Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

Jeffrey D. Sachs is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on the Millennium Development Goals, having held the same position under former UN Secretaries-General Kofi Annan and Ban Ki-moon. He is Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He is co-founder and Chief Strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance, and is director of the Millennium Villages Project. He is also one of the Secretary-General's MDG Advocates, and a Commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development. He has authored several bestsellers including *The End of Poverty* (2005), *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (2008), and *The Price of Civilization* (2011). His most recent books are *To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace* (2013), *The Age of Sustainable Development* (2015), and *Building the New American Economy* (2017).

## Carlos Sallé

### Vice-president, Energy Policies and Climate Change, Iberdrola

Carlos Sallé is Vice-President of Energy Policies and Climate Change in the Electricity company Iberdrola. Iberdrola an integrated company, is one of the largest five companies in global market capitalization and is currently the biggest wind energy producer in the world, with one of the strongest climate change action plan. Carlos is an Industrial Engineer from the ETSII (School of Industrial Engineering) in the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. He worked in areas related to system operation in Red Eléctrica de España (the Spanish Transmission System Operator). He was Director of Electricity at the energy regulator in Spain. He was also a member of the management team in charge of launching and setting up the Market Operator Company, as Operations Manager. He worked in the consultancy firm NERA as Associate Manager for the Energy Area. In 2001 he joined IBERDROLA Group as Regulation Vice President, and in 2014 was

appointed as Vice-President of Energy Policies and Climate Change directly reporting to the Chairman. He is Member of the Business Advisory Board in the Public-Private-Partnership unit at UNECE (Geneva) dealing with Sustainable Development Goals. He was one of the founders of Energía Sin Fronteras, an NGO specialized in water and electricity projects in rural areas of non-developed countries. He is President of the Energy Commission at Spanish Commerce Chamber.

## Stewart Patrick

### Director, International Institutions and Global Governance Program at the Council of Foreign Relations

Stewart M. Patrick is the James H. Binger senior fellow in global governance and director of the program on International Institutions and Global Governance (IIGG) at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). His areas of expertise include multilateral cooperation in the management of global issues; U.S. policy toward international institutions, including the United Nations; and the scope and exercise of national sovereignty. He is the author of *The Sovereignty Wars: Reconciling America with the World*, as well as *Weak Links: Fragile States, Global Threats, and International Security*. He also writes the blog, *The Internationalist*. He is a member of the steering committee of the Paris Peace Forum. He graduated from Stanford University and received his doctorate in international relations as well as two masters' degrees from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

## Satya Tripathi

### UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of New York Office at UN Environment

Satya S. Tripathi is UN Assistant Secretary-General; Head of New York Office at UNEP and Secretary of the UN Environment Management Group. A development economist and lawyer with over 35 years of varied experience, he has served with the UN since 1998 in key positions in Europe, Asia and Africa in the areas of Climate Change, Human Rights, Democratic Governance and Legal Affairs. He was Chair of the Committees on Laws, Treaties and Administrative matters for the UN-mediated Cyprus unification talks in 2004; UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias where he facilitated international cooperation and funding of over US\$ 7 billion for post-tsunami and post-conflict recovery efforts in support of the Indonesian government and affected populations; and Executive Head of UNORCID, a UN System Office of 10 UN Agencies established by the UN Secretary General in 2011 to facilitate the implementation of a US\$ 1 Billion REDD+ partnership between Indonesia, Norway and other stakeholders on climate change mitigation and adaptation through the conservation of forests and preservation of peat-land and biodiversity. He is a Senior Distinguished Fellow on Natural Resources Governance at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and serves on the Advisory Council of the Natural Capital Declaration (NCD). He previously served on the World Economic Forum's Global Advisory Council on Forests; and in India as a member of its national civil service.