Working Session

The Role of Green, Blue and Grey Infrastructure in Reducing Disaster Risk

Friday 17 May; 11:00 – 12:30, Room 4, CICG

PANELLISTS

Ms Radhika Murti,
Director of Global Ecosystem Management Programme,
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Radhika Murti is IUCN’s Director of Global Ecosystem Management Programme, based at the Headquarters in Switzerland. In this position Radhika has the management and oversight of IUCN’s work on ecosystem based disaster risk reduction, ecosystem based adaptation, drylands, islands and the Red List of Ecosystems assessment tool. Her team is also responsible for promoting and leveraging the role of ecosystem management approaches in improving the effectiveness of conservation actions, across the Union and amongst IUCN members. Currently, she leads the development of IUCN’s global standard on Nature based Solutions for Societal Challenges.

A Fiji national, Radhika holds an undergraduate degree in Forestry Science from Australian National University and an MA in Land Management from University of the South Pacific. She has a background in forestry science, focusing on land conflicts and livelihoods within community based forest management in the Pacific. In May 2019, Radhika will be completing a PhD degree in climate change adaptation in rural communities of Burkina Faso, Chile and Senegal, through the University of Bern.
Before joining as the minister for Public Works, Transport, Housing and Urban Development, H.E. Zamora served as the Deputy Minister in the same ministry. In his previous positions, he worked as the Chief Executive Officer, Secretary of the Board and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Road Maintenance Fund (FOVIAL).

H.E. Zamora is an architect by profession and has worked in several positions leading urban planning in the Municipality of San Salvador and other local authorities and has also worked in the private sector at different managerial positions.

He currently also is a Member of the Technical Committee of the Global Road Association (PIARC-PIARC), Latin American Director of Rural Roads and Accessibility of Rural Areas and supervises university students.

Laure Tourjansky is Head of the Natural and Hydraulic Risks Department, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition since October 2016. She is a former student of the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud and led the waste management policy. During her career in the Ministry of Sustainable Development she led environmental assessments of projects and programmes and worked on water economy. In charge of the Regional and Interdepartmental Department of Environment and Energy of Ile-de-France between 2010 and 2014, she has been credited with the advancing of these policies at the regional level.
Mr. Ricardo L. Calderon  
OIC Assistant Secretary for Staff Bureaus  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
The Philippines

Ricardo L. Calderon is designated as the Assistant Secretary for Staff Bureaus of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), overseeing the activities and operations of the four (4) Staff Bureaus of DENR namely: the Forest Management Bureau (FMB), Land Management Bureau (LMB), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) and the Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau (ERDB).

He was designated as the Director of the Forest Management Bureau. He was also designated in concurrent capacity as the Project Director of the JICA-funded Forest Management Project (FMP), ADB-funded Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Project (INREMP), and the National Coordinator of the National Greening Program. He represented the Philippines as the Senior Official on Forestry at the ASEAN, and United Nations Forum on Forest Focal Point at the United Nations (UN), and Governing Council Member of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Cooperation on Forestry.

Ms Katharina Schneider-Roos  
CEO,  
Global Infrastructure Basel (GIB) Foundation

Katharina Schneider-Roos is CEO of the non-profit foundation Global Infrastructure Basel (GIB). Katharina’s team has assessed over one hundred infrastructure projects across the world applying the GIB Grading for Sustainable Infrastructure. This tool helped to highlight the environmental, social and economic risks and potential impacts of projects and provided investors and project owners a framework for decision-making. Katharina was responsible for organizing an annual investment forum during GIB Summits, and led the publication of the Sustainable Infrastructure Capacity Building Handbook and a Scoping Study for the Early Stage Project Preparation Stage. She co-chairs the Cities Climate Leadership Alliance’s (CCFLA) Working Group on Project Preparation Facilities, is member of the CCFLA Steering Board and a member of the ICLEI Resilient Cities Conference Program Committee.

In support of the Swiss Government and international experts, she is currently working with a project team to establish SuRe – The Standard for Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure. Katharina is member of the Steering Board of the Resilience Measurement, Evidence and Learning Community of Practice funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.
Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga holds the chair in Disaster Risk Management at the University of Huddersfield, UK and leads its Global Disaster Resilience Centre. She is a leading expert in disaster resilience with an international reputation. Dilanthi's vision has always been to be an international leader in disaster risk reduction and management with specific emphasis on the built environment, and to champion the under representation of women in this key research area.

She has project managed to successful completion, a large number of international research projects generating significant research outputs and outcomes and has produced over 300 publications, refereed papers and reports. She has led and chaired a large number of international conferences, including the International Conference on Building Resilience (ICBR) series which she co-created.

Among several other leadership roles, she is the Chair of the United Nations Working Group on Words into action on Disaster Accountability and Governance and a member of the Steering Committee of the UNISDR "Making Cities Resilient" Campaign. Further details on her activities can be viewed at: www.dilanthiamaratunga.net.