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Ms Elina Bardram was appointed as the Head of Unit for International & Inter-Institutional Relations in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action in April 2014. Previously she had been Head of the International Carbon Markets, Aviation and Maritime Unit. Between 2003-2010, Ms Bardram worked in the Strategy Directorate of the External Relations Directorate-General. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Her academic work has focused on the impacts of globalisation.

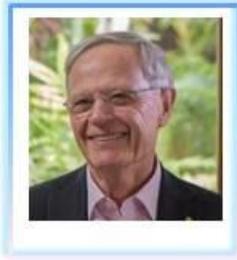


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Research Fellow, Swedish Institute of International
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Niklas Bremberg is Senior Research Fellow at the Europe Programme, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI). His research focuses on regional security practices, security communities and EU foreign and security policy, especially towards the southern Mediterranean.

He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Stockholm and has been visiting researcher at the University of Toronto, the University of Liverpool, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the European Policy Centre (Brussels). His expertise covers EU foreign and security policy, EU's relations and policies toward countries in the southern Mediterranean, especially North Africa and Morocco, as well as Spanish foreign and security policy. He has taught political science and international relations at Stockholm University, the Swedish Defence University and Uppsala University. He also holds a position at the Department of Government, Uppsala University, as research coordinator for the Swedish Network for European Studies in Political Science (SNES).



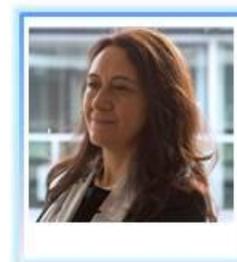
Chris Barrie

Honorary Professor, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University / Former Chief of the Defence Force (CDF), Australia

Admiral Barrie retired from over 41 years of active service in the Royal Australian Navy, and as the Chief of the Defence Force(CDF) in July 2002. Since retirement from the military he has concentrated his work on strategic leadership issues as a consultant, teacher and mentor. He became involved in the Oxford University's Strategic Leadership and Stimulus Forum Programs (2002-2011) and is now a key member of the Oxford Praxis Forum. Admiral Barrie has also worked with The Australian Davos Connection's Future Summit Program and is now a regular participant in the Australian Leadership Retreat, and Kokoda Foundation's Young Strategic Leaders Forum. He taught an elective on Strategic Leadership to senior U.S. military officers at the National Defence University in Washington DC (2004-09). This work has been intended to assist the next generation of leaders of complex and diverse organisations to be successful.

He has also been working to promote the establishing of the Asia-Pacific Leaders Circle, and institution building throughout the region through the Australian Crime Prevention Council. He is interested in the quality of leadership and decision making by people who work in complex risk environments through Critical Decisions Pty Ltd.

As CDF, Admiral Barrie directed and commanded the operation to secure East Timor in 1999-2000, and provided specialized defence security support for the Sydney Olympic Games (2000) and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at Coolumb (2002). He also advised the Government about specific roles for Australia's armed forces in support of coalition forces in Afghanistan and elsewhere after the 911 tragedy and the invocation of assistance to the U.S. Government offered by the Australian Government under the ANZUS Treaty.



Ms Esra Buttanri

Head of Environmental Co-operation Unit,
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Esra Buttanri is the Head of the Environmental Co-operation Unit and the Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser at the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (since 2007). Prior to the OSCE, she served as the Governance Programme Manager at the United Nations Development Programme (1994-2003), and for the Turkish Ministry of Environment as Senior Environmental Expert (1989-1994). She has over 20 years of experience in the environment and sustainable development fields. Throughout her career she has been actively engaged in several regional and global processes, including the 1992 Rio Summit on Environment and Development, the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the 2015 Third UN World Conference on

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Peter Fischer is Deputy Director-General for Globalisation, Energy and Climate at the German Federal Foreign Office. Before, he worked as Head of Economic Affairs at the German Embassy in Washington, and Head of the Department for Economic and Financial Policy at the Foreign Office in Berlin. Other functions include, amongst others, Economic Counsellor at the Embassy in London, Deputy Ambassador to Israel, and Foreign Policy Advisor in the Office of the Federal President in Bonn. Mr. Fischer holds a MA in History and Political Science, and a MA in Government. Furthermore, he studied International Relations in Paris.



Tariq Waseem Ghazi

Former Defense Secretary, Government
of Pakistan

Lieutenant General Tariq Waseem Ghazi (Ret.) was born into a military family, and joined the Pakistan Army in 1967. General Ghazi is the former Defence Secretary of Pakistan (2005 – 2007) and has a MS degree in War Studies from the University of Islamabad.

During a military career spanning 38 years, General Ghazi served on key operational, command, policy formulation, crisis management and leadership training appointments. He has trained with the Australian and Canadian military, and has led a multi-national United Nations Peacekeeping mission. He was Commandant of the two top officers' training institutions: the Staff College, Quetta and the National Defence College, Islamabad.

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As Secretary of Defence, General Ghazi oversaw working of defence establishment in Pakistan, representing its interests nationally and internationally as Co-Chair of several security dialogue processes. He has been Chairman of Civil Aviation Authority, Fauji Foundation, Defence Housing Authorities, PIA Investments and Chancellor of Foundation University, Islamabad.

Presently, he serves on the Board of Habib University and The Kidney Centre. A recipient of Sword of Honour, two international and fifteen service awards, he has been conferred Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military) by the President for meritorious services.



Marc Giacomini

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Marc Giacomini is Deputy Managing Director for Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues in the European External Action Service (EEAS). He is a senior French diplomat who has also served as the French bilateral Ambassador to Chile and as Deputy Director of the United Nations, International Organisations, Human Rights and Francophonie in the French Foreign Ministry.



Viwanou Gnassounou

Assistant Secretary General - Sustainable
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Mr Gnassounou is responsible for Sustainable Economic Development and Trade, the ASG's duties include the following:

- Coordinate the Group's activities in the areas of sustainable development, food security and the environment, trade and trade-related issues such as commodities, customs cooperation and market access, investment promotion and private- sector development; take any necessary initiatives and formulate proposals;
- Monitor the activities of the Centre for the Development of Enterprise (CDE) and the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA);



Ronald A. Kingham

Director, Environment & Development
Resource Centre - EDRC / Programme
Coordinator, Institute for Planetary
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Ron Kingham is co-founder, Senior Advisor and Brussels representative of the Institute for Environmental Security established in 2002 in The Hague in order to increase political attention to environmental security as a means to help safeguard essential conditions for peace and sustainable development.

He assisted in the organisation of the first Planetary Security conference in 2015 and was PSI coordinator for the second conference in 2016. He is also Programme Coordinator for the Institute for Planetary Security and Director of the Environment & Development Resource Centre which facilitates the Brussels Dialogue on Climate Diplomacy.



Andrew Light

Senior Fellow, Global Climate Program,
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Andrew Light, Ph.D., is Distinguished Senior Fellow in the Global Climate Program. He works with the senior leadership team on a variety of topics on both U.S. and global climate and renewable energy strategy. He is also University Professor at George Mason University, where he primarily works on the normative dimensions of climate change, restoration ecology, and urban sustainability.

From 2013-2016, Andrew served as Senior Adviser and India Counsellor to the U.S. Special Envoy on Climate Change, and as a staff member in the Secretary of State's Office of Policy Planning, in the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity he served as U.S. Director of the U.S.-India Joint Working Group for Combating Climate Change, Chair of the Interagency Climate Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals, and on the senior strategy team for the UN climate negotiations, among other duties. From 2008 to 2013 he was Senior Fellow and Director of International Climate Policy at the Center for American Progress (CAP). At CAP Andrew was principal adviser on international environmental issues to CAP's founder and chairman of the board, John Podesta, and lead a team working primarily on international climate finance, mitigation of short-lived climate pollutants, and land use change.

Andrew completed his doctoral work at the University of California at Riverside and UCLA, and held a three-year postdoctoral fellowship in Environmental Risk Assessment at the University of Alberta.



Jamie Shea

Deputy Assistant Secretary General,
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Jamie Shea is NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges. He has been working with NATO since 1980. Positions included Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the Secretary General, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for External Relations, Public Diplomacy Division, Director of Information and Press, Spokesman of NATO and Deputy Director of Information and Press, Deputy Head and Senior Planning Officer in the Policy Planning and Multilateral Affairs Section of the Political Directorate as well as Assistant to the Secretary General of NATO for Special Projects.



Sharlene Shillingford-Mcklmon

Chargé d' Affaires, Embassies of the
Eastern Caribbean States and Missions to
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Sharlene Shillingford-Mcklmon has worked in International development across regional and international settings for the past 17 years. She is currently Acting Head of the Embassies of the Eastern Caribbean States and Missions to the European Union, where she works on a wide variety of trade and development issues, including the financing for development; graduation from ODA, vulnerability of small economies and the implementation of the partnership agreement with the EU and negotiations for its successor. She previously served for about 5 years at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC as a Fiduciary Procurement Specialist and prior to that just under a decade at the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat serving in capacities of Deputy Program Manager of Foreign and Community Relations and Deputy Program Manager of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

Sharlene holds an LLM in Corporate Law from Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in Toronto where her work focused on corporate governance and infrastructure development and financing through public – private partnerships; she has a Master's Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from Schiller International University in Paris. She is a certified PMP with Post Graduate Specialization in Public Procurement Law and Practice; Trade Policy and Commercial Diplomacy, and Human Development.



Jörgen Talkop

Counsellor for Environmental Affairs,
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Since January 2017 Jörgen Talkop is Counsellor for Environmental Affairs at the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU. Previously he was Policy Officer / Seconded National Expert in the Strategy & Economic Unit of the European Commission, DG Climate Action (Jul 2015 – Dec 2016) and Head of the Climate and Radiation Department, Ministry of the Environment of Estonia (May 2013 – June 2015 and Senior Officer in that department (Oct 201 – Apr 2013).



Kitty van der Heijden

Director, Europe and Africa, World Resources Institute – WRI

Kitty van der Heijden is the Director of WRI's Europe and Africa Offices. She brings a distinguished diplomatic career with notable accomplishments in sustainable development and humanitarian aid to the global research organization. Kitty facilitates engagement with European and African governments, businesses, and institutions. She works in close collaboration with WRI's President and Executive Team, its Program and Center Directors, and its Country Directors in India, Brazil and China. Kitty also embraces work on the international climate regime and climate diplomacy; the role of the private sector in development; global indicators on resource productivity and efficiency; and inequality.



Carola van Rijnsoever

Director Inclusive Green Growth, Ambassador for Sustainable Development, Ambassador for the Arctic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

In 2017, Carola van Rijnsoever became Director Inclusive Green Growth and Ambassador for Sustainable Development and Arctic Ambassador, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands.

The Directorate Inclusive Green Growth formulates and implements Dutch foreign and international cooperation policies in the fields of climate, water, food security, energy, raw materials and polar issues.

Previously she was Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee of European Union 2013-2017. And from Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union, Brussels 2009 to 2013 she was Head Political Affairs Section (Cabinet of the Political Director) and European Correspondent, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005-2009).

Others positions included:

2001-2005 Senior policy advisor EU Enlargement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1999-2001 Trade secretary, Dutch Embassy, Moscow

1996-1999 Policy Advisor Surinam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

She has Master degrees in Economics and in Economic and Social History from the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.



Wouter Veening

Chairman / President, Institute for Environmental Security – IES

Trained as a political scientist at the University of Amsterdam Wouter Veening started his environmental work as a policy adviser and speechwriter at the Dutch Ministry of the Environment. He then became in 1984 Director at the Netherlands chapter of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature focusing on the impact of the Dutch economy on key ecosystems around the world and contributing to ecologise bilateral and multilateral development cooperation and international trade regimes.

In 2002 he was co-founder of the Institute for Environmental Security to promote policy attention to



Alexander Verbeek

Founder, Institute for Planetary Security /
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the legal and security dimensions of international environmental challenges such as climate change and to develop environmental security assessments of concrete situations around the world. He still serves the institute as chairman and president.

Alexander Verbeek is an independent advisor on global issues related to climate, security, water, food, energy and resources. Alexander collaborates with governments, businesses, think tanks and civil society agencies to create solutions for the environmental, security, resource and demographic challenges of the 21st century.

Alexander has been working as a diplomat for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1992 until 2016. His last position was Strategic Policy Advisor on Global Issues in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He had postings in Vienna (OSCE), Bonn and London. At MFA headquarters in The Hague, he also worked in the Middle-East Department, twice in the security department and for several years in the Asia department.

Alexander studied Human Geography in Utrecht (MSc.), worked as a journalist and was an officer in the Royal Netherlands Navy before joining the MFA.

Alexander developed the Planetary Security Initiative and lead the team that prepared the first Planetary Security Conference in the Peace Palace in The Hague in November 2015. He is now the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of this initiative.

He is a World Fellow at Yale University, a Visiting Fellow at Uppsala University for the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and a Fellow of the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce)

In 2015 he became an Associate at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and in 2016 he became an associate at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI).

Alexander is often asked for public speaking or chairing international meetings. He is on the board of advisors of several international environmental initiatives and is on Twitter one of the most followed diplomats in the world (140,000 followers). He ranks sixth in the Top-10 Climate Change Thought Leaders in the social media (<http://ow.ly/2bvpH8>).



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Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to the EU / Chair, Sub-Committee for Sustainable Development, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States

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Asif Ali Zaidi

Senior Advisor, Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch, UN Environment

Asif Zaidi joined UNEP as programme manager in Afghanistan in 2004. Since September 2008, he is based in Geneva as the operations manager at the post conflict and disaster management branch of UNEP. Mr. Zaidi is a qualified medical doctor and holds a MSc in Public Health from Leeds University.



Vuk Žugić

Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE

Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities is a career diplomat with a notable international experience in various high level positions. Before joining the OSCE Secretariat, he acted as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna (2012-2017). He also served as Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council during Serbia's OSCE Chairmanship in 2015. Prior to that assignment, between 2004 and 2009, he was Ambassador of Serbia to the Republic of India. Amongst other significant functions, Ambassador Žugić held the positions of Assistant Foreign Minister/Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation (2009-2012), Assistant Foreign Minister, and Head of Sector for Multilateral Cooperation (2001-2004) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia. Ambassador Vuk Žugić holds a Master's degree in International Law and Relations from the University of Belgrade.