

## Moderator

### John E Scanlon AO, former Secretary-General of CITES, CEO, Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation & Chair, UK Government Challenge Fund



John Scanlon AO has worked for national and international organisations across multiple continents and disciplines. He started his career as an environmental lawyer in Australia, and later served as an adviser to State and Federal Environment Ministers and as CEO of the Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal Affairs. Mr. Scanlon served as Principal Adviser on Policy and Programme at UNEP from 2007-2010, and as Secretary-General of CITES from 2010-2018. He was the first Special Envoy for African Parks from 2018-2020.

Mr. Scanlon now serves as CEO of the Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) Foundation, the secretariat for 21 African countries with common policies on elephant conservation and oversaw the launch of the EPI Foundation's Vision 2030. In mid-2020, he also became Chair of the Global Initiative to End Wildlife Crime, and was appointed as Chair of the UK Government's Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund. In 2019, Mr. Scanlon was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to wildlife conservation and protection through roles with international organisations.

## Panellists Part 1

### Kerstin Stendahl, Head of Ecosystems Integration Branch UNEP



Kerstin Stendahl is currently working for UNEP in Nairobi as Branch Chief for the Ecosystems Integration Branch. She has also served as Deputy Secretary for the IPCC 2017-2020 and as Deputy Executive Secretary for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions 2012-2016 in Geneva.

During her career she has worked extensively on strengthening international environmental governance including co-chairing the synergies process in the chemicals and waste cluster, co-chairing the Nairobi-Helsinki process on IEG and being the lead negotiator for the Finnish Ministry of the Environment during Rio+20.

She has been the Secretary for the Nordic Environmental Economics group, the Nordic Genetic Resources Council and served as Senior Advisor in the Finnish Academy. Her first UNEP posting was for the CBD secretariat, leading on the work for the first Forest Biodiversity Work Programme, approved in 1998.

### Ivar Baste, co-Chair for Future of GEO process Steering Committee, Senior Advisor at Norwegian Environment Agency



Ivar A. Baste is the co-Chair of the Future of Global Environment Outlook (GEO) Steering Committee and senior advisor at the Norwegian Environment Agency. He was Report Lead in UNEP's recent synthesis report "Making Peace with Nature". He has also served as a member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Director of the Environment Management Group, Chief of Scientific Assessments in UNEP, and Deputy Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Environment. He has been involved in several assessments beyond IPBES and GEO, including the

International Assessment of Agricultural Science & Technology for Development, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA), and the Global Biodiversity Assessment (GA).

### Johannah Bernstein, International Environmental Lawyer, Bernstein & Associates



Johannah Bernstein is an international environmental lawyer who has devoted the entire 30 years of her professional life to multilateral environmental diplomacy and advocacy.

Ms. Bernstein has advised the European Union, many UN organizations and the Governments of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands and Canada. She has advised WWF, IUCN, Friends of the Earth, the Worldwatch Institute, Stockholm Environment Institute, the International Institute for Environment and Development, Climate Action Network, the Institute for Environmental Security, and the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development.

Additionally, Ms. Bernstein has been a visiting lecturer over the years on environmental diplomacy and international environmental law at Columbia University, Duke University, McGill University, University of California at Santa Barbara, Joensuu University, University of Kent at Canterbury and College of the Atlantic.

### Jamil Ahmad, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, UNEP



Jamil Ahmad is Director, UNEP New York and leads work on sustainable development and the environment in support of the organization's policies and programme.

He joined UNEP in 2008 as the Secretary for the Governing Bodies based in Nairobi, Kenya (2008-14).

A senior career diplomat, Mr. Ahmad entered the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1986 and has worked in several duty stations in Asia, Europe and Africa with rich experience of bilateral and multilateral affairs. He participated in numerous UN and other intergovernmental meetings, including the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in 2002, sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and the Governing Councils of UNEP, UN-HABITAT and FAO).

### Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Adviser at the UN



Jan-Gustav Strandenaes began working with the UN and the environment and governance in the 1970s and has stayed with this arena ever since. During the 80s and early 90s he worked with the UN CSD process, was a liaison officer between the UN and the NGO community, worked for the Norwegian aid agency in Botswana, and Norway's foreign office in Uganda and has extensive NGO experience through more than four decades in almost all continents in the world. Mr. Strandenaes lectures regularly at the Oslo University College and has given workshops and lectured all over the world on the UN, governance, environment, sustainable development and stakeholder engagement, as well as advising governments on relations with civil society and NGOs, chairing UN meetings, facilitating UN processes, and authored two books and numerous articles on the environment and sustainable development. He also works as an independent researcher, adviser and consultant writing, lecturing or doing research on environment, governance and sustainability issues.

## Discussants Part 1

### Steven Stone, Deputy Director, Economy Division, UNEP



Steven Stone joined UNEP in 2010, in the lead up to the Rio+20 Conference. While at UNEP, Mr. Stone has served as Chief of the Economics and Trade Branch, and from 2017-2021 as Chief of the Resources and Markets Branch. He has helped to shape and incubate key flagship initiatives, including the Green Economy Initiative, the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership, and the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), key to the delivery of the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy.

Prior to joining UNEP, Steven worked at the Inter-American Development Bank, serving in a number of capacities from Resource Economist in Washington to Environmental Specialist in the Bank's offices in both Jamaica and Ecuador, to Country Representative in Honduras. He has also worked at the World Bank on resource and agricultural economics.

### Eduardo S. Brondizio, Distinguished Professor, Anthropology at Indiana University Bloomington, USA



Eduardo S. Brondizio is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at Indiana University Bloomington, where he directs the Center for the Analysis of Social-Ecological Landscapes and is a Senior Research Fellow of the Ostrom Workshop on Political Theory and Policy Analysis.

Prof. Brondizio served as co-chair (2016-2019) the Global Assessment Report of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). A member of numerous scientific advisory boards in the Americas, Europe, and Asia, he is co-Editor-in-Chief of *Global Environmental Change: Human and Policy Dimensions* and, previously, *Current Opinions in Environmental Sustainability*. He is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and foreign member of the French Academy of Agriculture. For over three decades, his work has appeared in over 270 scientific publications in a wide range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals and books.

### Jan Cherlet, Senior Environmental & Social Sustainability Advisor, WFP



Dr Jan Cherlet provides strategic advice on environmental and social sustainability to a number of United Nations entities. Most recently, as a consultant with the EMG, he facilitated the development of Phase II of the Strategy for Sustainability Management the UN system 2020-2030. Between 2019 and 2021 he led the development and roll out of environmental and social safeguards in the UN World Food Programme. Prior to this, he held different positions in the UN World Food Programme, the International Land Coalition, and academia, to advance research and facilitate knowledge exchange on issues at the intersection of natural resources management and social sustainability. He holds a PhD in Political Sciences from Ghent University, a MA in Anthropology from the University of Barcelona, and a MSc in Civil Engineering from Ghent University.

## Tim Scott, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment, Nature, Climate, Energy, UNDP



Tim Scott serves with the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of the United Nations Development Programme in New York as senior policy advisor on inclusive green economy and linked environment and natural capital themes. This work involves coordination with sister agencies and partners across several global, regional, and country initiatives supporting the design, financing, implementation and monitoring of country-driven sustainable development policies. He is UNDP's focal point for Stockholm+50 preparations.

He has over fifteen years of experience with the UN, public sector and civil society, working on the intersection between environmental sustainability, economic growth, and social progress. His previous assignments have included a focus on climate change, trade and investment, economic management, and development metrics. He has worked in several countries including in Central Asia and South-East Europe.

## Adriana Zacarias Farah, Head & Global Coordinator for Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO4SDGs), UNEP



A graduate from Cambridge (UK), with a Masters in Environment and Development, and BSc on Political Science, from ITAM (Mexico), Ms. Farah is an international expert on sustainable development, resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production. She joined United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2003. Ms. Farah is currently the Head and Global Coordinator of UNEP's initiative "Global Opportunities for Sustainable Development Goals (GO4SDGs)". She supports policies, strategies and initiatives related to green economy, circular economy, innovation for SMES and sustainable lifestyles, among other themes. GO4SDGs accelerates regional solutions for inclusive green economies and circularity and works in 3 areas: policy coherence, SME innovation and Youth Empowerment.

Before joining UNEP, Ms. Farah worked at the OECD. She has experience in environment policy development and negotiations at both national and international levels. She worked as policy adviser at the Mexican Low Chamber, and as Project Coordinator at the Mexican Ministry of Environment. Adriana has extensive experience with NGO, with an emphasis on youth and environment.