

## 2<sup>ND</sup> PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

### POLICY DIALOGUE ON SDG 12 REPORTING REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENT

# 2019

20-22 November 2019 • Pullman Hanoi Hotel, Vietnam



## BACKGROUND

Rapid economic growth in Asia and Central Asia has lifted many countries out of poverty. This has come at a cost of increased use of natural resources, growing GHG emissions and amounts of waste. Sustainability today is no longer simply about increasing efficiencies or complying with regulations. It is about making fundamental changes in the way business is done and the way the world consumes. Results can only be achieved rethinking our business models and supply chains and designing new consumption patterns.

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) aims at improving the overall environmental performance of products throughout their life cycle, stimulates demand for better products and production technologies and helps consumers make informed choices. The European Union is committed to tackle these global challenges together with its partners in Asia and Central Asia.

Launched in 2007, its SWITCH-Asia programme has achieved more than a decade of progress on SCP in 24 countries in the region.

This has been possible through the joint efforts of the three SWITCH-Asia components:

- The **Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC)** - implemented by UN Environment.
- The **Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility** - implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and adelphi.
- The **SWITCH-Asia Grants Programme** - directly managed by the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission.

## MEETINGS CALENDAR



EVENT	DATE
Internal meeting	20th November (morning) - Closed meeting
2nd SWITCH-Asia Programme Steering Committee Meeting	20th November (afternoon) - Upon invitation
Policy Dialogue on SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production Reporting	21st November (morning)
SWITCH-Asia Regional Networking Event	21st November (afternoon) and 22nd November

## VENUE



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## EXPECTED OUTPUTS



## TARGET GROUPS

### INTERNAL MEETING

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- Consolidation of SWITCH-Asia Programme long-term objectives and implementation mechanisms.
- EU DEVCO HQ (Chair)
- Representatives from EU Delegations
- RPAC and SCP Facility

### PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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- Increased collaboration between SWITCH-Asia Components, EU Delegations, Governments' National Focal Points and relevant stakeholders
- Agreement with National Focal Points on Grant Scheme next call for proposals
- Presentation of new SWITCH-Asia Communication Strategy, results and web-database
- Representatives from EU DEVCO HQ
- Representatives from EU Delegations
- SWITCH-Asia National Focal Points
- RPAC and SCP Facility
- Invited Observers

### POLICY DIALOGUE ON SDG 12 REPORTING

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- Overview of SDG 12 Reporting in Asia
- Understanding challenges faced by countries to report on SDG 12
- RPAC (Chair)
- SWITCH-Asia National Focal Points
- Representatives from EU Delegations
- SCP Facility
- Observers
- Representatives of the grant-funded projects

### REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENT

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- Presentation of grant projects' achievements, challenges, lessons for replication and scaling up
- Panel discussions with representatives of grant projects, National Focal Points and experts on selected SCP themes
- Representatives of the grant-funded projects
- SWITCH-Asia National Focal Points
- EU and EU Delegations
- Selected regional organisations, partners and experts working in the field of SCP

## REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENT

*Pullman Hotel - Hanoi, Vietnam*

### AGENDA

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 (14:00 – 18:00) &**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 (09:00 – 16:30)**

**Invited participants:** SWITCH Asia grant recipients, National Focal Points, EU Delegations and external observers.

**Objective of the meeting:** this event aims at gathering together beneficiaries of the SWITCH Asia grant scheme in order for them to discuss about common challenges and opportunities, providing cross-fertilisation among projects within the same or different sectors. The event will also analyse their contribution to policy dialogue with national governments as well as opportunities for scaling-up and replication of their SCP practices through public and private investments increasing the access to finance for SMEs willing to reduce the environmental impact of their products and services.

#### DAY 1 - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November

13:30 – 14:00	<b>Registration</b>
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Welcoming and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr Giorgio ALIBERTI, Head of Delegation, EU Delegation to Vietnam</li> <li>H.E. Hoang QUOC VUONG, Vice Minister of Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT), Vietnam</li> </ul>
14:20 – 15:30	<b>Plenary Session - National and Regional Policy Frameworks: Contribution of SCP to Climate Change Mitigation</b> <i>This session will discuss SCP policy frameworks in relation to climate change mitigation and how SWITCH Asia projects may support their implementation.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nguyen Thi Lam GIANG, Director General of Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam</li> <li>Anisur Rahman CHOWDHURY, Bangladesh SUSBUILD, Bangladesh</li> <li>Vuthy E, Deputy Secretary General of the National Commission for Sustainable Development, Representing SWITCH-Asia National Focal Point, Cambodia</li> <li>Zafar MAKHMUDOV, Executive Director, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC)</li> <li>Fabienne PIERRE, 10YFP</li> </ul> Moderated by Arab HOBALLAH, Team Leader, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break and Photo</b>
16:00 – 17:45	<b>Plenary Session - SWITCH Asia Grants: Achievements, Challenges and Lessons for Replication and Scaling-up</b> <i>This session will provide an opportunity for ongoing SWITCH Asia projects to present their implementation challenges and achievements and to share lessons for possible replication and scaling-up. The two panel will mostly focus on responsible consumption behaviour and greening the supply chain from an SCP perspective.</i> <p><b>Panel 1: Responsible Consumption Behaviour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri PRAKASH, Sustainable Auto-Rickshaw, India</li> <li>Shantamay CHATTERJEE, Women-Centred ICS, India</li> <li>Nipatta QUAMMAN, Dear Supermarkets: Consumers and Retailers Driving Sustainable Food Market in Thailand in the Seafood, Chicken and Banana Supply Chains, Thailand</li> <li>Padma Sunder JOSHI, Sustainable Tourism and Green Growth for Heritage Settlements of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal</li> </ul>

	<p>Moderator: Sutthiya CHANTAWARANGUL, SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Thailand</p> <p><b>Panel 2: Greening the Supply Chain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malini BALAKRISHNAN, METABUILD, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka</li> <li>• Quentin MOREAU, Switch off Air Pollution: Energy efficiency advisory and financial intermediation for sustainable housing in unplanned areas of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia</li> <li>• Nguyen Hung CUONG, Sustainable and Equitable Shrimp Production and Value Chain Development in Vietnam, Vietnam</li> <li>• Sarangoo UKHNAA, Sustainable Textile Production and EcoLabelling in Mongolia (STeP EcoLab), Mongolia</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ranjan Prakash SHRESTHA, SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Nepal</p>
<b>17:45 – 18:00</b>	<b>Guidance for next day's parallel sessions and Wrap-up</b>

## DAY 2 - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November

<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<p><b>Low-Carbon Economy: Housing Potential and Greening the Supply Chain</b></p> <p><i>This session will focus on energy and resource efficiency in the housing sector exploring the role policy frameworks for promoting sustainable housing, Green Public Procurement (GPP), building codes, certifications and labelling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the SWITCH-Asia scoping study on Sustainable Housing by Lewis AKENJI, Adelphi</li> <li>• Chun XIA, International Coordinator, Western China SUSBUILD, China</li> <li>• Riaz RAMIN, Kabul Green Homes, Afghanistan</li> <li>• Bhawna SINGH, Representing SWITCH Asia National Focal Point, India</li> <li>• Naeem RAZWANI, Director Asia Pacific Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter, Habitat for Humanity International</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Quentin MOREAU, Regional Director for Central Asia, GERES</p> <p>Rapporteur: Loraine GATLABAYAN, Southeast Asia Expert, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility</p>	<p><b>Circular Economy: Lessons from and for the Textile Industry and Fashion Trends and Behavioural Change</b></p> <p><i>This session will allow discussions of specific interest for the fashion and apparel industries. These will concern resource efficiency in the production cycle, waste prevention &amp; management, adoption of new technologies, eco-labelling schemes and the circularity approach (reduce, reuse, refuse, recycle) in these sectors.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the SWITCH-Asia study on Fashion and Apparel Sustainability by Mirko ZUERKER, Adelphi</li> <li>• May Mi KYAW, SMART Myanmar, Myanmar</li> <li>• Abhishek JANI, SWITCHing India's Consumption to Fair and Sustainable Goods, India and Bhutan</li> <li>• Tsedevsuren BAT-OCHIR, Representing SWITCH Asia National Focal Point, Mongolia</li> <li>• Thao VU, Founder and Designer KILOMET 109, Vietnam</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Burçu TUNCER, Team Leader, SwitchMed Networking Facility</p> <p>Rapporteur: Byambaragchaa MAGVANDORJ, SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Mongolia</p>	<p><b>Communicating SCP Effectively: Successful Experiences from Grants and Media Experts</b></p> <p><i>This session will trigger discussions on the strategic use of communication to promote change in attitudes and behaviours, towards greener supply chains and responsible consumption, leading to more SCP practices based on the needs and of the experience of SWITCH Asia grants.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacob CLERE, SMART Myanmar, Myanmar</li> <li>• Abhijeet DABHOLE, Project Coordinator, Promoting SCP systems for safe and organic foods in India, India</li> <li>• Jens KRISTIAN NØRGAARD, SWITCH to Green</li> <li>• Amy SIM, Internews / Earth Journalism Network</li> <li>• Anh LE, Director, Center for Regional Urban Studies, Media Engagement Programme on Climate Change and Energy Transition, Vietnam</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Sara GABAI, Communication Expert, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility</p> <p>Rapporteur: Zulfira ZIKRINA, SCP Central Asia Expert, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility</p>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>		

<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Eco-Innovation and Co-Design with Consumers: Drivers for the Change of Sustainable Productions Practices</b></p> <p><i>This session will share good practices on drivers and incentives to implement eco-innovation and co-design of sustainable products.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quazi SABIR, Implementation of Resource and Energy Efficient Technologies in the Sugar Sector of Pakistan (IREET), Pakistan</li> <li>• Tamal SARKAR, Promote Bamboo MSME Clusters for Sustainable Development, India</li> <li>• Nguyen Thi Bich HOA, Project Director, AIT, Get Green and Spin, Vietnam</li> <li>• Nguyen HONG LONG, Senior Expert on Sustainable Product Innovation and Green Production, Director of Centre for Creativity and Sustainability (CCS), Vietnam</li> <li>• Mac Le Thu HONG, Special Adviser – Innovation, ICT TECHNOLOGY and Education, Embassy of Finland, Vietnam</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Loraine GATLABAYAN, Southeast Asia Expert, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ulrich THIESSEN, SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Pakistan</p>	<p><b>Main Regional Challenges: How to Tackle Plastics and Wastes Minimisation and Management Along the Supply Chain and with Consumers</b></p> <p><i>This session will allow discussions on major regional challenges concerning industrial and solid waste, waste to energy, plastics banning and education as well as procurement and labelling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kateřina VELISKOVA, Improving Resource-Efficiency and Cleaner Production in the Mongolian Construction Sector through Materials Recovery, Mongolia</li> <li>• Mahbub ULLAH, Tomato and Mango Value Chain, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Lewis AKENJI, “Circular Economy for Plastics in ASEAN Region”, EU E-Readi Project</li> <li>• Alvaro ZURITA, Team Leader, “Rethinking Plastics – Circular Economy Solutions to Marine Litter”, EU Marine Litter and Plastics Project</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Delphine BRISSONNEAU, SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Myanmar</p> <p>Rapporteur: Luz FERNANDEZ, SWITCH Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component</p>
<p><b>12:30 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>	
<p><b>14:00 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary Session - Increasing Access to Finance and Leveraging Investments for Greener Products, Services and Technologies</b></p> <p><i>This session will discuss about the investment climate in the region considering opportunities, challenges and barriers for ‘Green Finance’. The experiences from SWITCH Asia projects and their contribution to the business-to-finance dialogue as well as from the ‘SwitcherFund’ set up within the SWITCH Med programme will be presented.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor ABAINZA, Promoting sustainable cleaner development through the establishment of an Asian Cleantech MSME Financing Network (ACMFN), India, China and Indonesia</li> <li>• Ujjwal POKHREL, The Bar Wa, Myanmar</li> <li>• Laura WÜRTENBERGER, Project coordinator Asia, Finance in Motion</li> <li>• Burçu TUNCER, Team Leader, SwitchMed Networking Facility</li> <li>• Trần Hoài PHƯƠNG, Deputy Director, Commercial Banking, HDBank, Vietnam</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Alessandra LEPORE, SWITCH Asia Coordinator, DG DEVCO, European Commission</p>	
<p><b>15:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee/Tea Break</b></p>	
<p><b>15:30 – 16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Session - Moving forward: Enablers and Multipliers</b></p> <p><i>This session will wrap-up discussions of the parallel sessions and provide lessons learnt in terms of priorities, challenges and opportunities in key areas for SCP guiding to the way forward for the programme in the next years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-Carbon Economy: Housing Potential and Greening the Supply Chain</li> <li>• Communicating SCP Effectively: Successful Experiences from Grants and Media Experts</li> <li>• Eco-Innovation and Co-Design with Consumers: Drivers for the Change of Sustainable Productions Practices</li> <li>• Main Regional Challenges: How to Tackle Plastics and Wastes Minimisation and Management Along the Supply Chain and with Consumers</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by Arab HOBALLAH, Team Leader, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility</p>	

## SPEAKERS BIO



### H.E. Giorgio ALIBERTI

Head of Delegation, EU Delegation to Vietnam

H.E. Giorgio Aliberti is an experienced Ambassador with a demonstrated history of working in the international affairs industry. Skilled in Political Science, Government, European Affairs, International Relations, and European Union. Strong community and social services professional with a Master of Science (M.S.) focused in Applied Environmental Economics from University of London, Imperial College at Wye.



### H.E. Hoang QUOC VUONG

Vice Minister of Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT)

Hoang Quoc Vuong is a Vietnamese statesman, currently the Secretary of the Ministry's Party Committee, Vice Minister of Industry and Trade, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Former Secretary of the Party Committee, Chairman of the Electricity Group's Member Council Vietnam.



### E Vuthy

Deputy Secretary General of the National Commission for Sustainable Development, Representing SWITCH-Asia National Focal Point, Cambodia

Mr. E Vuthy is currently Deputy Secretary General of the National Council for Sustainable Development. He is overseeing the Green Economy Department which deals with issues related to sustainable energy, sustainable city, green building etc. He was the Head of the Technical Working Group for preparing the Environment and Natural Resource Code and also Member of Environmental Impacts Assessment Review Board. Before coming to the Ministry of Environment in 2013, he was the Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister Men Sam An from 2011 to 2013 and Assistant to the Cabinet of Former Deputy Prime Minister Sok An since 2006. He earned his Master Degree in Money, Finance and International Economics from the University Lumière Lyon 2, France, in 2005. He was also lecturer in Macroeconomics, International Banking and International Finance at the Royal University of Laws and Economic Science and the University of Puthisastra from 2006 to 2013.



### Nguyen Thi Lam GIANG

Director General of Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT), Vietnam

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Lam Giang has been with the MoIT for 18 years after graduating Murdoch University (Faculty of Environmental Science) in Australia. She has held many positions i.e. officer of the Department of Science and Technology, Deputy Director General of the human resources development Department, Deputy Director General of The Personnel Organization Department before holding the current position. She obtained MBA in 2010. Previously, Giang served as a researcher at The Vietnam Institute of Chemical Industry for 3 years. In her current role, her main duties are managing the activities of her Department, regulating the Vietnam National Energy Efficiency Program; the National Program on cleaner production and sustainable production and consumption and Climate change Program, supporting in compilation of the Law, Decrees, Circulars, programmes, projects on energy efficiency and conservation and environment; and engaging in the role of management in energy efficiency/cleaner production and sustainable consumption and climate change projects/programmes.



## Zafar MAKHMUDOV

Executive Director, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC)

Mr. Zafar Hakhimovich Makhmudov was elected Executive Director of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC) in April 2019 by its Board of Governors. His main specialisation is integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation measures into national development plans and strategies. As a Head of the Project Implementation Unit of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan, Mr. Makhmudov coordinated all the projects of the committee on natural resource management at all levels of their implementation, including project development, structuring, negotiation, execution and monitoring.



## Fabienne PIERRE

10YFP

Fabienne Pierre has more than 15 years of experience in sustainable development, policy analysis and programme management, including 10 years within the Economy Division of UN Environment. Her work within the Secretariat of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP on SCP) currently focuses on building a global knowledge-base on national SCP policies as well as on facilitating cooperation across the One Planet network for national level implementation of the 10YFP. Fabienne Pierre is a trained political scientist and holds a Ph.D. in Social Sciences, with a specialization in international relations, sustainable development governance and communications.



## Arab HOBALLAH

Team Leader, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility

Arab Hoballah is currently the Team Leader of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility (SCP Facility) of the SWITCH-Asia Programme. He has a longstanding experience in this sector as he used to be the Head of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch in the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme. Arab launched and supervised various initiatives and partnerships (buildings, tourism, cities). He also coordinated the preparation and supervised the implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP.



## Shantamay CHATTERJEE

Women-Centred ICS, India

Mr. Shantamay Chatterjee is the Regional Programme Director in CARE India. He has worked with the Government in India at national and state level; and has served various international agencies like ADB, besides leading critical national and international assignments. He has contributed to development of national and international policy frameworks and programmes for the Governments in South Asia and Africa. In a career spanning over 20 years his major contributions have been in the domains of state health systems development, health sector reforms, labour migration, development economics, safe migration, gender budgeting, and poverty & livelihood. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in livelihood economics, migration, research, monitoring & evaluation, SBCC and programme design & management.



## Anisur Rahman CHOWDHURY

SUSBUILD Bangladesh

Md Anisur Rahman Chowdhury is currently an Urban Manager at Oxfam in Bangladesh. He also served in Oxfam as Livelihoods and Private sector lead. He has 3 decades of experience in the private voluntary development sector, engaging with a good number of multi-disciplinary teams to develop and implement need-based business services for micro and small agro-based enterprises. He also led the formation and development of Multi Stake-Holders Forum at the national level, influencing the policy makers to change the policy for building and construction sector in Bangladesh.



## **Nipatta QUAMMAN**

Dear Supermarkets, Thailand

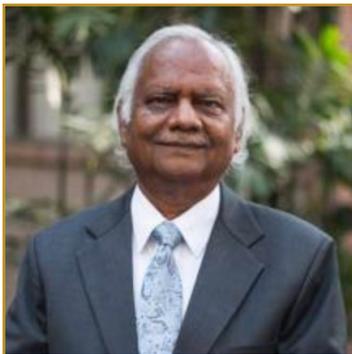
Nipatta Quamman works as a Senior Programme Officer for the Food Justice Programme at Oxfam in Thailand and is currently in charge of the Consumers and Retailers Driving Sustainable Food Market in Thailand in the Seafood, Chicken and Banana Supply Chains Project. She has covered diverse projects including promoting land rights and coastal communities' rights for access and sustainable management of natural resources, incubation of the Fisherfolk community-based social enterprise, creative campaign and communication with urban consumers, and advocacy for responsible agri-business investment in Thailand. Her expertise includes result-based project management, and monitoring, learning, accountability and evaluation (MEAL).



## **Sutthiya CHANTAWARANGUL**

SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Thailand

Mrs Sutthiya Chantawarangul is currently working as a Programme Officer of the Cooperation Section at the Delegation of the European Union to Thailand. She joined the EU Delegation in 1995. Her key area of responsibility focuses on dossiers of environmental relevance, in particular on forest sustainable production and consumption and climate change. Mrs Sutthiya has an educational background in Environmental Engineering and in Natural resources and management.



## **Shri PRAKASH**

Distinguished Fellow, Transport & Urban Governance (TERI). Policy Advisor and Chairman of Steering Committee - Switching to Sustainable Auto-rickshaw Project, India

Mr Prakash joined TERI in 2011 after a successful career of over 37 years with Indian Railways, holding numerous Key Positions and retiring as Secretary to Government of India. He has also been Chairman of various public sector undertakings of India such as Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC), and Pipavav Railway Corporation Ltd (PRCL) and was also Chairman of the Executive Committee, Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). Today, he guides TERI management especially in the field of Transport and Urban Governance. He advises the policy team of the SWITCH-Asia Project - Switching to Sustainable Auto-rickshaw System and chairs the Steering Committee of the project.



## **Padma Sunder JOSHI**

Sustainable Tourism and Green Growth for Heritage Settlements of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

Mr. Padma Sunder Joshi leads UN-Habitat Nepal Office. As Programme Manager Mr. Joshi leads, coordinates, and monitors UN-Habitat's program in Nepal. He is the team leader for Sustainable Tourism and Green Growth for Heritage Settlements of Kathmandu Valley, the SWITCH-Asia project in Nepal. Before joining UN, he was Associate Professor in Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University and his area of work was Urban Planning and Environment. Mr. Joshi also served as an advisor to the mayor of Kathmandu (1997-2002) and was Member Secretary of City Planning Commission of Kathmandu Metropolitan City. He was leading important initiatives of the city like Municipal Infrastructure Improvement Project/KUDP (1997-1999) and Kathmandu Valley Mapping Programme (1999-2002).



## Malini BALAKRISHNAN

METABUILD, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka

Dr Malini Balakrishnan is a Senior Fellow at TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute), New Delhi, India. She has over twenty years of experience in innovating as well as assessing technology solutions in different sectors of the industry. Her work focuses on evolving affordable solutions to specific challenges of inefficient resource use and waste faced by industries, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs), in developing countries. These industry oriented actions address different aspects viz. improving resource efficiency (i.e. reducing the use of energy, water and materials) in existing production processes; technology demonstrations for process upgradation; research, development, and commercialization of value added products from industrial wastes. She has worked extensively in partnership with various international research groups and directed many multi-institutional international projects including several funded by the European Commission. Dr Balakrishnan is a nominated expert in select programmes of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, reviewer for funding agencies and peer-reviewed international journals.



## Quentin MOREAU

Switch off Air Pollution: Energy efficiency advisory and financial intermediation for sustainable housing in unplanned areas of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Quentin Moreau has been working in Central Asia for the last 11 years as a development professional for various INGOs. After holding country directors positions in Mongolia, he is now based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan as Regional Director Central Asia for Geres INGO in charge of programmes in Afghanistan, Mongolia and Tajikistan related to energy poverty, access to energy, renewables and energy efficiency in housing and agricultural sectors mainly. Focusing on resource management, E&S standards, governance and climate matters, he has worked with grass-root communities and NGOs, private sector and the industry, policy makers and financial institutions in supporting the global agenda for sustainable development in the region.



## Nguyen Hung CUONG

Sustainable and Equitable Shrimp Production and Value Chain Development in Vietnam

Mr. Nguyen Hung Cuong is currently working at Oxfam in Vietnam, looking after the Private Sector Engagement of the organization and has been managing the Project 'Promoting sustainable and equitable shrimp production and value chain development in Vietnam' which has been implemented since 2016 and funded by EU SWITCH-Asia Programme. Before joining Oxfam, Cuong worked as Director of the Regional and Local Economic Development - East West Economic Corridor Project in Mekong Institute based in Thailand for 5 years and as Value Chain Development Advisor in the Netherlands Development Organization SNV for 7 years. He completed his master's degree on agricultural economics in Kyushu University, Japan. He has expertise and experiences in agricultural value chains, market systems development, private sector engagement for development, inclusive business, trade facilitation and cross-border trade, and project management.



## Sarangoo UKHNAA

Sustainable Textile Production and EcoLabelling in Mongolia (STeP EcoLab), Mongolia

A Textile Engineer with a Doctor's degree in Engineering Science from the Universite de Haute Alsace with 15 years of experience in wool and cashmere sector including executive positions in major cashmere producers i.e Goyo LLC. Currently, Sarangoo Ukhnaa is a Project manager at the Agronomes Veterinaires Sans Frontiere INGO, Mongolia to build the sustainable cashmere value chain and support sustainable cashmere export and sales from Mongolia. Connecting the passions of her youth in academia and engineering knowledge into the business practice qualifies her as a valuable asset in the cashmere industry. Her responsibilities are to manage STeP EcoLab Mongolia (Sustainable Textile Production and Eco-Labeling in Mongolia project funded by the European Union that aims to support Mongolian textile industries to adopt environmentally friendly sustainable practices in its production cycle and as a whole value chain.



## Ranjan Prakash SHRESTHA

SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Nepal

Ranjan Prakash SHRESTHA is working as Senior Programme Manager, Development Cooperation Section at the Delegation of the European Union to Nepal. He is managing projects related to energy, environment, climate change, including SWITCH-Asia. He has expertise in sound management as well as ensuring smooth operation of the projects funded under the EU bilateral and thematic programmes. He has worked in diverse sectors including the Government of Nepal, academic institutions, I/NGOs and private sectors. He has also published numbers of articles in local and international journals. He has made contribution in reviewing articles for international journal of energy policy.



## Lewis AKENJI

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Dr Lewis Akenji serves as Executive Director of SEED. His responsibilities include overall management of functions and strategic development of the organisation. Before joining SEED, Lewis was Director of Sustainable Consumption and Production at the Japan-based think-tank Institute for Global Environmental Strategies. Among others, he oversaw policy research and activities on sustainable societies - including sustainability governance, resource efficiency, and sustainable lifestyles. Lewis has extensive experience working with policy and development agencies, research, and programme deployment. He has led multiple international projects, including with: the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Union, UN Environment, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Lewis has a Master of Science degree in Sustainable Resource Management from Technische Universität München, and a Doctor of Science from the University of Helsinki.



## Chun XIA-BAUER

International Coordinator, Western China SUSBUILD, China

Dr. Chun Xia-Bauer is a project coordinator at the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy in Germany. She has been working over 10 years in the field of environmental governance, sustainable low carbon city development, and building energy efficiency. Dr. Xia-Bauer has been leading various international cooperation projects with special focus on Asian countries funded by German government, the European Commission, private foundation, multilateral development banks, German Research Council, and Chinese government. Dr. Xia-Bauer has a PhD in environmental governance, a Master of Science in Renewable Energy Management, and a Master of Science in Integrated Assessment.



## Bhawna SINGH

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India

Dr. Bhawna Singh is a scientist at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, and works in the area of resource efficiency and circular economy. Before joining the Ministry, she worked at the Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet (NTNU), Norway for nearly a decade in the field of life cycle assessment, specifically on LCA methodology and environmental life cycle assessment of low-carbon energy and transport systems viz. carbon capture and storage, electric mobility; where she also obtained her PhD. She obtained her B.Tech and M.Tech degrees in Chemical Engineering from IET, Lucknow and IIT Roorkee respectively. She was visiting faculty at Institute of Process Engineering, Chinese Academy of Sciences Beijing, China where she taught short-term course on life cycle assessment. She also served on the editorial board of Journal of Industrial Ecology for the special issue 'Charting the Future of Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment'. Currently, she is a member of Resource Efficiency Cell at the MOEF&CC and has contributed significantly in preparation of the Draft National Resource Efficiency Policy, which shall mainstream resource efficiency across the country. She handles international collaboration projects in the area of resource efficiency and related international initiatives as SWITCH-Asia, PAGE, SDG12, among others.



## **Naeem RAZWANI**

Director Asia Pacific Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter, Habitat for Humanity International

Naeem Razwani is the Director, Asia Pacific, Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter at Habitat for Humanity International. He has been active in social and inclusive finance projects across Asia Pacific and Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in the field of product development, marketing and investments. His affordable and housing finance has led him to work with institutions in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Cambodia, Nepal, Egypt, and Yemen. Naeem has also been involved in an advisory role with International Finance Corporation (IFC) - World Bank on various housing microfinance initiatives. Before joining Habitat, Naeem led the Marketing and Product Development function at The First Microfinance Bank in Afghanistan, an entity of Aga Khan Development Network, which involved designing of client-centric solutions for agriculture, small-medium enterprise, and housing. He has worked on various projects funded by USAID, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), KfW and various government ministries. In his current role, Naeem leads a team to design solutions that catalyze inclusive and thriving markets in the Asia Pacific focusing on Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystems, Construction Decisions & Practices, and Housing Finance Systems.



## **Mirko ZUERKER**

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Mirko Zuerker is a senior project manager at adelphi and head of the adelphi office in Bangkok. He is a specialist in sustainability entrepreneurship, green finance and sustainable consumption and production (SCP). He is responsible for programme development for the SEED partnership and has extensive experience in managing dialogue processes and developing practice-oriented toolkits. The regional focus of his work is on Africa and the Asia region.



## **May Mi KYAW**

SMART Myanmar

May Mi is a technical expert and project lead on environmental management. She joined SMART Myanmar in mid-2013 after she completed a bachelor of engineering degree in Electric Power. May Mi is also an ISO 14001 lead auditor and an ILO certified SCORE trainer. For SMART she especially implements the project's chemical management program and oversees the SMART energy, water & waste reduction program.



## **Tsedevsuren BAT-OCHIR**

Representing SWITCH Asia National Focal Point, Mongolia

Ms. Tsedevsuren Bat-ochir has been working in CleanTechnology, Investment and Production Division of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia since 2017. Her responsibilities vary from the introduction, promotion, and research of clean technologies and developing policy documents in regards to increasing resource efficiency and reducing pollution. She successfully implemented several pilot projects on introducing eco-friendly technologies in the recycling industry and promoting 3R management in Mongolia. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Tianjin University of People's Republic of China in 2017. She was elected and trained at the Asian Circular Economy Leadership Academy program funded by the SWITCH-Asia programme in Bangkok, 2018. Ever since then, she took charge of the SCP related tasks and has been working closely with SWITCH-Asia. With the support of SWITCH-Asia programme, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism is working towards developing national SCP Roadmap and Action Plan.



## Abhishek JANI

SWITCHing India's Consumption to Fair and Sustainable Goods, India and Bhutan

Abhishek joined as the CEO of the Fairtrade India Project where he now leads a team responsible for building sustainable and Fairtrade market linkages for small-holder farmers- across varied value chains including Food and Beverage, FMCG products and Fashion. Fairtrade India also spreads awareness amongst citizens, institutions, businesses and other stakeholders about sustainability, UN SDGs, and Fairtrade. Prior to joining the Fairtrade International movement, Abhishek headed Navdanya's Organic and Fair Trade marketing division where he was mentored by Dr. Vandana Shiva for creating sustainable food and fashion choices. Abhishek began his career as a business advisory consultant with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, London and subsequently has held leadership and advisory positions in marketing, food & beverage and technology ventures across the development and commercial sector.



## Thao VU

Founder and Designer KILOMET 109, Vietnam

Kilomet 109 is the vision of Vu Thao. Designer, artist and eco-entrepreneur, Thao is a leader among the pioneering group of young designers who have made Hanoi an emerging creative hub of the fashion world. But what makes Kilomet109 unique in today's fashion world is the story behind the garments. Thao's vision encompasses every detail of the production process, starting with the natural materials that go into the garments she designs. In doing so, she is helping to preserve the rich textile heritage of Vietnam. Using organic fibers and traditional techniques of vegetable dyeing, Thao works with her team of local artisans to grow, spin, weave, color and print Kilomet 109 fabrics. After that, the garments are hand-stitched in her studio in Hanoi. This is fashion from the ground up, and it defines a new type of ready-to-wear couture: hand-made, hand-stitched garments from a designer who works directly with local artisans on every element that goes into them. And since these practical, affordable garments are made by human artisans rather than mass-produced by machines, each is like a work of art – hand-crafted, visionary, unique.



## Burçu TUNCER

Team Leader, SWITCH Med

Burçu is the team leader of the Networking Facility of the SwitchMed Programme hosted by the UN Environment Mediterranean Regional Activity Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/ RAC) and located in Barcelona. SwitchMed is an EU funded initiative aimed at fostering sustainable consumption and production patterns in the Southern Mediterranean region. The second phase takes advantage of the experience and capacity built during the first phase, firstly providing direct support to the private sector for greener and circular industry as well as creation of circular and green businesses, secondly improving regional policy framework under the Barcelona Convention and supporting the implementation of the SCP NAPs, thirdly ensuring coordination, networking and communication for a cohesive regional approach. Her earlier work at the Wuppertal Institute and Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP) was on developing sustainable value chain management tools and researching consumer behaviour shift strategies for sustainable consumption. She holds a Master's Degree in engineering, business administration as well as environmental management and policy. Previously, she also worked as part of the first Network Facility team of the SWITCH-Asia programme.



## Jacob CLERE

Team Leader, SMART Myanmar

As Team Leader of SMART Myanmar, Jacob manages a team of industrial engineers and master trainers to implement improvements in Myanmar's garment & footwear industries. The project focuses on improving human resources management and occupational health and safety, promoting environmentally sustainable manufacturing practices and catalyzing the development of a responsible garment manufacturing industry in Myanmar. In addition to working with hundreds of garment factories, SMART Myanmar supports banks and the government in improving financial products and services as well as the development of Myanmar's public procurement practices.



## **Abhijeet DABHOLE**

Promoting SCP systems for safe and organic foods in India, India

Mr. Abhijeet Dabhole is a graduate in horticulture and post graduate in agri-business management from the University of Mumbai. His focus areas are “organic value chain development” and “improving market access for small producers’ institutions”. He has about ten years of experience in imparting techno-managerial support for investigative, consultative and remedial projects on natural resource management, climate resilient agriculture and sustainable agriculture value chains. He has worked in western, central and southern Indian states. Mr. Abhijeet is currently working with Welthungerhilfe and coordinating project on sustainable consumption and production systems.



## **Jens Kristian NØRGAARD**

EU SWITCH to Green Facility

Jens Kristian is the Key Expert on Sustainable Consumption and Production with the SWITCH to Green Facility, supporting the European Commission Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development in promoting an inclusive green economy transition in EU partner countries. He is also a senior partner and policy expert at Dega Networks, an EU-based boutique consultancy firm providing advice to businesses and the public sector on sustainable production and consumption, focusing on circular economy, eco-innovation, and resource efficiency.



## **Amy SIM**

Internews Earth Journalism Network

Sim Kok Eng Amy is Internews Earth Journalism Network Asia-Pacific Project Manager, where she leads a team to implement a range of activities to improve environmental reporting across the region. Prior to joining Internews, she worked on community-driven development in Indonesia at the World Bank for almost ten years. There she developed communication outreach strategies and programs, managed an innovative program that tapped into local arts and culture to promote public participation, and piloted a problem-driven approach with local governments to improve local public service delivery. Aside from the World Bank, she also worked at ARTICLE 19 where she led the Asia program and managed projects supporting freedom of expression and access to information. In her free time, Amy writes a bi-weekly column for the Singapore Chinese-language newspaper, Lianhe Zaobao, where she had her first job as a journalist.



## **Anh LE**

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Ms. LE Van Anh is the Director of Center for Regional and Urban Studies (CRUS), a non-governmental organization working as a think tank in Ho Chi Minh city and Viet Nam to promote socially and environmentally sustainable urban development. Before CRUS, Ms. Anh has experienced nearly 15 years working as a government officer and researcher in Ho Chi Minh City authorities and agencies. She holds a MSc in Urban Management and a BSc in Environmental Sciences.



## **Riaz RAMIN**

Kabul Green Homes, Afghanistan

Mohammad Riaz Ramin has over 18 years of experience in project management, energy efficiency in public and private houses, climate change and environment related projects. Riaz has been participated in more than 20 conferences worldwide and trained over 500 engineers and technicians. Currently Riaz RAMIN is working as deputy country director & project manager for Geres- Afghanistan.



## Sara GABAI

Communication and Knowledge Expert, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility

Sara is the Key Expert on Communication and Knowledge Management at the SCP Facility of the SWITCH-Asia Programme. She has been working in Thailand and the Asia Pacific Region with UN agencies, academic institutions, the private sector, NGOs, civil society organizations and local communities, on communication for development (C4D) initiatives, human rights, media development, freedom of expression, women's economic empowerment, and environmental issues, among others. Sara is a PhD Candidate at Mahidol Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies and holds a MSc in Gender, Media and Culture from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



## Qazi SABIR

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Mr. Qazi Sabir holds a M.Sc. Degree in Chemical Engineering from Ryerson University, Toronto, with majors in Energy and Environment and Air Pollution and Control. He is presently working at Iqbal Hamid Trust as Project Manager for EU SWITCH-Asia - Implementation of Resource and Energy Efficient Technologies in the Sugar Sector of Pakistan. Mr. Sabir brings over 18 years of experience in development and management of several projects contributing to increased uptake of SCP technologies and practices by different industrial sectors of Pakistan.



## Tamal SARKAR

Promote Bamboo MSME Clusters for Sustainable Development, India

Dr. Sarkar is D. Phil in the Economics of Cluster Development. He has 27 years of experience in industrial development, with special reference to MSME. He has extensive hands on experience of over two decades in cluster development and specializes in cluster development and poverty alleviation, sustainable development and innovation. He has authored a number of policy and methodology documents in the area of cluster and value chain development, poverty alleviation and resource based planning. He is also a pioneer trainer in the area of cluster development. He has over 50 publications in MSME cluster economics.



## Nguyen Thi Bich HOA

Project Director, AIT, Get Green and Spin, Vietnam

Nguyen Thi Bich Hoa is a senior project manager cum deputy director of Asian Institute of Technology in Vietnam (AIT-VN). She is a specialist in sustainable consumption and production (SCP), green public procurement and eco-innovation and environmental sustainability for enterprises. She is in charge of Green Office program with GO AIT-VN certification, targeting organizations and companies which operates in Vietnam. She has extensive experience in facilitating behaviors changes towards low-carbon sustainable lifestyles and developing toolkits for assessing and guiding sustainability-driven practices. Her research interest areas are policy review, mainstreaming eco-innovation and SCP-related.



## Nguyen Hong LONG

Senior Expert on Sustainable Product Innovation and Green Production, Director of Centre for Creativity and Sustainability (CCS)

Mr. Nguyen Hong Long has 20 years of experience in cleaner production, industrial design and research, with more than 12 years of experience in renewable energy projects and programs. Long has advised numerous governments in developing countries on renewable energy design and its implementation. He has led many teams and provided technical advice for biomass gasification for both household cooking/heating purposes and industrial applications throughout Vietnam. Along with it he has also been part of teams to undertake feasibility assessment and development of mini-grid for rural electrification.



## Loraine GATLABAYAN

Southeast Asia Expert, SWITCH Asia SCP Facility

Loraine Gatlabayan has worked in the past 16 years on international and national projects focused on environment and sustainable development issues in the Asian Region. She did consultancy work with particular focus on SCP and resource efficiency from 2013-2018 in the Asian Development Bank, the EU SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Support Component managed by the United Nations Environment - Regional Office in Asia and Pacific and the Asia-Pacific Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production. Prior to this, she worked under the Philippine Government as Division Chief and Chief Science Research Specialist in the Philippine's Climate Change Commission and in the Office of the Secretary in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. She also led various regional, national and local projects in partnership with civil society groups and the academe, focusing on biosafety, access rights in environmental decision-making, transparency and accountability, and climate change.



## Kateřina VELÍŠKOVÁ

Improving Resource-Efficiency and Cleaner Production in the Mongolian Construction Sector through Materials Recovery, Mongolia

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## Mahbub ULLAH

Tomato and Mango Value Chain, Bangladesh

Mahbub Ullah is a project management expert possesses over 20 years of experience in project management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation for various projects. He demonstrated track record of leadership and success in a variety of position and assignment and acknowledged as an effective solution provider in the Development Sector. At present, he is working for SNV Netherlands Development Organisation as the Project Coordinator/Team Leader for management of SWITCH-Asia II Project funded by the European Commission (EC). Prior to joining at the SNV, he worked for CARE Bangladesh, as the Team Leader of another SWITCH-Asia Project. He is passionate about women's rights and empowerment, youth development and food safety issues.



## Alvaro ZURITA

Project Director, EU Marine Litter and Plastics Project

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## Matti TERVO

Counsellor, Embassy of Finland, Vietnam

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## Delphine BRISSONNEAU

SWITCH Asia Referent, EU Delegation to Myanmar

Delphine BRISSONNEAU has been working for the European Union since 2005. Currently, she is Attaché at the Cooperation Section of the Delegation of the European Union to Myanmar actively involved in the planning, identification and close monitoring of EU funded projects in the field of Environment/Natural Resources Management and Blending programmes. She takes a proactive policy dialogue role in particular in promoting sustainable development policies and sharing information on EU environment related initiatives and policies such as FLEGT. She has been working in the Asia Pacific region since 2002 and started her carrier in the field of Climate Change & Renewable Energy as a consultant on Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM).



## Victor ABAINZA

Promoting sustainable cleaner development through the establishment of an Asian Clean tech MSME Financing Network (ACMFN), India

Victor C. Abainza is a Senior Consultant for ADFIAP Consulting Group and a Senior Project Manager, ACMFN Project. Prior to that, he was Assistant Vice President & Head of Training Department for Planters Development Bank as well as Executive Director of PDB-FMO Development Center, the training and consulting firm of Planters Development Bank with specialization in SME Finance. As a Trainer, his specialization is on human resources training and development including SME development finance and entrepreneurship development and climate finance.



## Ujjwal POKHREL

Tha Bar Wa, Myanmar

Ujjwal Pokhrel works at WWF as Project Manager – Sustainable Production managing Tha Bar Wa Project. Prior to joining WWF in Myanmar, Ujjwal has managed a country program as a country director for Room to Read in Nepal. Ujjwal also worked for UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) managing its financial inclusion country portfolio in Nepal working with central bank and different financial institutions. Prior to joining UNCDF, he has worked in management positions with different national and international development organizations. Ujjwal has completed various assignments related to financial sector, economic development, private sector and value chain development for organizations in Cambodia, China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, the Philippines and Nepal. Ujjwal has also worked for large private corporate companies in marketing, sales and market research roles. Ujjwal holds a MBA degree from the Philippines and strongly believes in a motto “Effective managers needs to be a self-starter”



## Laura WÜRTEMBERGER

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Laura Wurtenberger currently coordinates the Asia market research at Finance in Motion GmbH. She works as independent consultant on climate finance and sustainability issues with 15 years of work experience in the private and public sector on climate finance, climate change mitigation, sustainability and international development. Amongst other things, she developed and managed one of the first emerging markets sustainability equity funds for a large institutional asset manager, and led GIZ’s works on climate finance readiness.



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## Luz FERNANDEZ

SWITCH Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component

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