



SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

- THINKING CIRCULAR ECONOMY BY BUSINESSES

Wednesday, 27 March, 12:00 PM - 13:15 PM

UNCC, meeting room MR A

Lunch : 12:00 PM

Organizers:

- The EU-SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component
- United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)
- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

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Background :

The Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC) funded by the European Union, which is one of three components under SWITCH-Asia II , is to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national policies on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The Regional Policy Advocacy Component, implemented by UN Environment, is holding this event as the leading global voice on the environment. The side event will provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

This side event will organize a dialogue between **private sectors** and **policy makers** on sustainability reporting to support **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by looking at the

- 1) awareness** of private sector and policy makers for sustainability reporting
- 2) standards of sustainability reporting** such as Global Reporting Initiative
- 3) interact partnership** between private sector and governments for effective sustainability reporting.

This side event's entry point is **SDG 17** for sustainability reporting as means of implementation of especially through **target 12.6** (12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle **12.6.1** Number of companies publishing sustainability reports)

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Programme:

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12:15 – 12:25	Welcome and Opening Remarks by:
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- **Mr. Giuseppe Busini**, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Thailand
- **Ms. Isabelle Louis**, Deputy Regional Director, the United Nations Environment Programme, Asia and the Pacific Office

12:25 – 13:00	Panel Discussions “Sustainability Reporting-Thinking Circular Economy by Businesses”
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With Key Questions:

- 1) How sustainability reporting can support SDGs based on the existing standards or to suggest improvements in the standards?
- 2) Why there shall be a strong partnership between businesses and governments to create win-win situation through sustainability reporting?
- 3) What is the learning from the businesses generating sustainability reporting and how businesses can replicate sustainability reporting models?

Moderator: **Ms. Marit Nilses**, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

- **Ms. Cristina Tebar Less**, Head, Responsible Business Conduct Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Ms. Sirivipa Supantanet**, Deputy Secretary-General Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC, Thailand)
- **Mr. Rakesh Bhargava**, Chief Climate & Sustainability Officer Shree Cement Limited, India
- **Mr. Charkrit Direkwattanachai**, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer BEC World Public Company Limited, Thailand

13:00 – 13:10	Q & A with moderator
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13:10 – 13:15	Concluding Remarks and Forward Steps for Sustainability Reporting
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Speaker Biographies

(in order of appearance)



Mr. Giuseppe Busini

Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Thailand

Mr Giuseppe Busini took up duties as Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the Kingdom of Thailand in September 2018. Mr Busini has worked in the EU External Relations service for more than 20 years, covering inter alia South Caucasus, Iran, Central Asia, the Gulf Cooperation Council and India. Before his appointment to Bangkok, he was responsible for the EU's relations with ASEAN and the ASEAN Regional Forum.

Mr Busini holds a master degree with honours in Political Science and a PhD in International Relations and Contemporary History, both obtained at the University of Perugia (Italy). In addition to his Italian mother tongue, Mr Busini is fluent in English, French and Spanish. He is married and has three sons.



Ms. Isabelle Louis

Deputy Regional Director

United Nations Environment Programme, Asia and the Pacific Office

Ms. Isabelle Louis has been Deputy Regional Director at UN Environment Asia Pacific Office in Bangkok since September 2014. She coordinates UN Environment's work programme in the region pursuant to the organization's mandate to support the UN Member States in the region on issues related to the environment and sustainable development, including initiatives on climate change, environmental governance and law, pollution, sustainable consumption and production, sustainable financing, gender inclusiveness and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. She also coordinates UN Environment's strategic partnerships including with governments, research institutions and the private sector.



Ms. Cristina Tebar Less

Head, Responsible Business Conduct

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Cristina Tébar Less is Head of the OECD Responsible Business Conduct. She manages a team of experts in corporate responsibility and oversees work related to the implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the development of due diligence guidance, and support to the Network of National Contact Points. She had held positions in the OECD Legal Directorate and in the Environment Directorate, where she did policy analysis on trade, investment and environment linkages. She has been a Senior Policy Analyst in the Investment Division since 2008, where she worked on a broad range of issues, including countries' adherence to OECD investment instruments, investment policy reviews, green investment and the contribution of the private sector to the transition to a low carbon economy. She is the author and co-author of numerous OECD publications on the links between trade, investment, and environment. Before joining the OECD she worked as an Attorney at Law in Madrid (Spain), with a focus on corporate, environmental and intellectual property law.



Ms. Sirivipa Supantanet

Deputy Secretary-General

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC, Thailand)

Since 11 February 2019, Sirivipa is Deputy Secretary-General.

Sirivipa obtained a Bachelor of Accountancy from Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) and an MBA in Finance from Western Michigan University (USA). She has extensive experience in the Thai capital market. Before being appointed to the SEC, she was an Analyst for Financial Institution Monitoring and Analysis Department, Bank of Thailand. At its inception, in 1992, she joined the SEC. She experienced the supervision on the issuance of equity securities, market supervision and broker-dealer supervision for 15 years before had been appointing to Assistant Secretary-General in 2017.

Speaker Biographies



Mr. Rakesh Bhargava

Chief Climate & Sustainability Officer, Shree Cement, India

An alumni of IIT-Delhi and has served in NCCBM (National Council for Cement & Building Materials) for 14 years in the field of developing new types of cement for specific purposes, quality improvement, and waste utilization. Engaged in diversified profiles and roles in the cement sector. In the year 1993, was recognized as “The Best Scientist”. Having rich experience of industrial competence and academic research as 3 successful CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) projects under his belt affirms readiness and expertise level for latest & innovative ideas and their implementation.

Serving as Chief Climate & Sustainability Officer at Shree Cement Limited, (SCL), and has been involved in various research projects undergoing at Shree R&D centre. Leading the SCL’s more than a decade long journey of sustainability reporting successfully.



Mr. Charkrit Direkwattanachai

Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, BEC World Public Company Limited

A professional communicator with proven records from accomplishments in the past 23 years in Marketing & Communication. His focus has been revolved with bringing public voices to enable successful corporate plans and shouting out impactful news to the public, both in normal and crisis and both offline and online. He has been taking Corporate Affairs role for the last nine years by heading Corporate Communication, Sustainability, and Legal & Government Affairs for both major international and Thai firms, which included raising relationship with public as well as integrating CSR works with government and managing media relationship. He also has well been recognized as an outstanding communicator in the market with good support from media.

Moderator



Ms. Marit Nilses

Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Marit Nilses has over 20 years of work experience combining public and private sectors, of which over 15 years with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), focusing on sustainable business practices and foreign direct investment. Prior to the UN she worked in policy analysis at the Swedish National Board for Industrial and Technical Development, and in market analysis and communications for a multinational company in the construction sector. She has a Master of Science degree in Economics and Business Administration from Uppsala University, Sweden.



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