

# Civil Society and Knowledge Community: Dialogues around Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD)

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## BIOGRAPHIES OF PANELISTS

**Leena Srivastava** is the Vice Chancellor of the TERI University the Executive Director (Operations) at TERI, New Delhi. In her three decades at TERI, she has worked on a range of issues covering energy and environment policy, energy economics and climate change. At the University, she was Dean, Faculty of Policy and Planning, from 2000 to 2008. She has a PhD in Energy Economics from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. She is on the Editorial Boards of various international journals dealing with energy and environment issues. Dr Srivastava is member of various committees and Boards both at the international and national levels. She was a member of the Advisory Group on Energy and Climate of the UN Secretary General; Expert Committee to formulate India's Energy Policy, Planning Commission, Government of India and Member, National Security Advisory Board, Government of India. She was a Co-ordinating Lead Author for Working Group III of the Third Assessment Report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and cross-cutting theme Anchor on "Sustainable Development" for the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC.

**Leisa Perch** is a development specialist with over 15 years of experience. She has worked for and with a number of development organizations including the UN. Her experience and expertise spans a number of areas: environment, sustainable development, information for decision-making, poverty reduction, gender, HIV/AIDS, social development, human development and MDG reporting. More recently she has been working on emerging areas such as gender, climate change and poverty/environment linkages. She has been with UNDP since 2004. She has spent the last 5.5 years as the Programme Manager for Poverty Reduction, Gender and HIV/AIDS in Barbados, covering 10 countries across Barbados and the OECS sub-region. She has an MA in Environmental Management and a BA in International Relations. Leisa also has a strong background in M&E including indicators for Sustainable Development. She worked on climate change issues in the Caribbean for 3+ years while working with the Organization of American States between 1999 and 2003.

**Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda** has held the position of CEO of FANRPAN since 2004. She is currently coordinating policy research and advocacy programs in 16 southern African countries, all aimed at making Africa a food-secure region. Her portfolio includes policy research and advocacy work on food policies, agricultural productivity, natural resources and environment, and the impact of HIV/AIDS on agriculture and food security in southern Africa. In 2009, Dr Sibanda led the "No-Agriculture, No-Deal" global campaign and mobilized African civil society organizations to push for the inclusion of agriculture in the United Nations Framework for Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) negotiations. Lindiwe is an animal scientist by training and a practicing commercial beef cattle farmer. She received her BSc at the University of Alexandria, Egypt; her MSc and PhD at the University of Reading, UK.

**Joan Martinez-Alier** is Professor of Economic History and Institutions at the *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* since 1975. He was Director of the Doctoral Programme in Environmental Sciences at ICTA-UAB between 1997 and 2009, where he helped to create a strong international group on ecological economics and political ecology. He has been Research Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford, and has held visiting positions at *Universidade Estadual de Campinas (São Paulo)*, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Stanford University, the University of California (Davis), FLACSO (Ecuador) and Yale University. He was a founding member and president of the International Society for Ecological Economics. He is the author of several renowned books that have contributed to illuminating the relationship between economic systems, resources and social conflicts. A fundamental contributor to the development of ecological economics and political ecology, he has also engaged with social movements at local and international levels. His latest edited volume is "Ecological Economics from the Ground Up" (Earthscan-Routledge, London, 2012).

**Mairon Bastos Lima** is a PhD candidate at the Institute for Environmental Studies, VU University Amsterdam. He has background in both the natural sciences and the humanities. After earning degrees in biological sciences and philosophy in Brazil, he completed an interdisciplinary Master's degree on Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo, Canada, with research on sustainable agro-food systems and food security. Currently he examines the social, institutional and political dimensions of biofuel policies and governance at the international level and in selected case-study countries — Brazil, Indonesia, and India. Related interests are climate change and agriculture, renewable energies, agro-ecology, socio-environmental interactions, political ecology, and international case study comparisons.

**Masego Madzwamuse** has experience in sustainable development, natural resource management, land tenure and security, protected area management, water conservation, traditional/indigenous natural resource management systems, community based conservation, adaptive livelihood strategies and gender and environment. She was instrumental in the formation of various networks such as the Botswana Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Forum; the Southern African CBNRM Forum and the Botswana Conservation and Development Forum. She recently facilitated the establishment of a Sub-Saharan Africa CSO Coordination Network for Sustainable Land Management. She is a longstanding member of the Southern African Sustainable Use Group. She is currently serving as a Regional Vice Chair (Eastern and Southern Africa) for the IUCN Commission on Environmental Economics and Social Policy (CEESP). Currently Ms Madzwamuse works as Economic Justice Programme Manager for the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa. She is trained in Environmental Sciences and Sociology. She has worked for IUCN and UNDP.

**Mr. Harjeet Singh** is the International Coordinator - Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Adaptation for ActionAid. He is based in New Delhi and supports countries across the globe on the programme and policy advocacy work related to disasters and climate change. He has conducted sessions and trainings on emergency response, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in over 20 countries for government and non-government agencies and represented ActionAid in various international forums. He is also the founding board member of Alliance for Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in India. Prior to this, he led the Tsunami Response Programme in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for ActionAid India. While Harjeet began his professional career as a management graduate with a short stint in the private sector, he shifted his interests to development sector and started his journey with a grassroots organization.