

**International Conference
on
Concerted Action for a stable Climate and a viable Environment
to sustain Progress and preserve Peace**

**International Symposium
on
Climate Change and World Development**

Participants' short biographies



Valerio Calzolaio, Italy: Four times member of the Italian Parliament, Former Vice Minister of the Environment. Former professor in Paris, Exeter, and of Constitutional Law at the University of Macerata from 1990-1992. Formerly advisor to the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Drought and Desertification (UNCCD).



Dr. Giulietto Chiesa, Italy: is an Italian journalist and politician, formerly a Member of the European Parliament for North-West with the Independent - Di Pietro-Occchetto List Civil Society. Chiesa held a number of important positions in the Italian Communist Party before it was dissolved in 1991. Formerly also a substitute for the Committee on Culture and Education and a member of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee.



Dr. Mark Doherty, : European Space Agency Head, ESA/EO Exploitation Development Division. Current head of ESA's Earth Observation exploitation division, based at ESRIN Frascati, Italy. Mark joined ESA in 1986 and worked on the ERS-1, ERS-2 and ENVISAT missions, before taking charge of exploitation elements of ESA's EO Envelope Programme. More recently Dr. Doherty has lead the ESA Climate Change Initiative (CCI) which delivers consistent long-term, satellite-based observation records of "Essential Climate Variables".



Dr. Frederick Dubee, Canada: Senior Advisor, Global Compact, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations. Fred Dubee is a professor at the European Peace University, Austria, honorary professor at the Beijing Genomics Institute, China and lectures internationally at academic institutions and research institutes. Vice-Chair International Green Economy Association (IGEA) and Chairman of the Annual World Congress of Biodiversity (BioD-2013).



Ian T. Dunlop, Australia: Former senior international oil, gas and coal industry executive. Chair of the Australian Coal Association, 1987-88, and of the Australian Experts Group on Emissions Trading and CEO of the Australian Institute of Company Directors from 1997-2001.



Dr. Tim Jenkins, UK: Director, The Great Transition Project and External affairs, the New Economics Foundation; former Policy Director at Friends of the Earth and Head of Sustainable Economics at the UK Sustainable Development Commission.



Georgios Kostakos, Greece: Advisor with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat for COP20; former Senior Adviser and Deputy Executive Secretary of the UN Global Sustainability Panel and climate change focal point



Martin Lees, UK: Adviser to the President of COP20; Rector Emeritus, UN University for Peace; former UNASG for Science and Technology; Moderator Gorbachev Task Force on Climate Change, Special Advisor to the president of the COP, Former Secretary General of the Club of Rome. He was responsible for the design and launching of the OECD “InterFutures” Project on the Future of the Advanced Industrial Societies in Harmony with that of the Developing Countries. Founder of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.



Dr. Alexander Likhotal, Russia: President, Green Cross International. During the wake of Gorbachev’s perestroika, being already a well known expert in the field of European security, he received a proposal to become the chief analyst of NATO politics in the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU - one of the Soviet foreign policy co-ordination bodies.



Jeremy Leggett, UK: Founding President of Solarcentury Electric Co; Chairman of Carbon Tracker, Author and Activist. A British green-energy entrepreneur, author and activist who is founding director of Solarcentury, the UK's largest independent solar electric company; founder and Chairman of SolarAid, a charity set up with 5% of Solarcentury's annual profits; and Chairman of CarbonTracker, a financial-sector think-tank warning of carbon-fuel asset-stranding risk to the capital markets, colloquially known as the carbon bubble.



Flavio Lotti, Italy: Organiser of the March for Peace Perugia-Assisi as well as National Coordinator of the Table of Peace for 16 years since 1996, which is the largest Italian pacifist network made up of hundreds of groups. He is also the Director of Coordination of Local Authorities for Peace and Human Rights an association of 704 Municipalities since its founding in 1986.



Ennio Maccari, Italy: President of ANTA (National Association for the Environment). Professor of Biology at La Sapienza University.



Dr. Khalid Malik, Pakistan: Former Director of the UN Human Development Report Office to 2014; UN Resident Coordinator in China, 2003 – 2010. He is an international civil servant with a professional background in economics and has held a variety of senior management and substantive positions at the United Nations and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Francesco Martone, Italy: former Senator of Italy, member of the Foreign Affairs and Human Rights Committees of the Italian Senate, and previously Chair of the Board of Greenpeace Italy. Now working for a UK-based organization, Forest Peoples Programme, with the main task of advising indigenous peoples' delegations attending the UNFCCC negotiations, and also Board member of Green Cross Italy.



Dr. Dirk Messner, Germany: Director, German Development Institute; Co-Chair, German Advisory Council on Global Change; Co-Director, Center for Advanced Study on Global Cooperation Research, University Duisburg-Essen



Ermete Realacci, Italy: Current head of the Environment Commission of the Italian Parliament. He is a founding member of the Democratic Party and a highly engaged pro-nature activist.



Dr. Teresa Ribera, Spain: Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Paris; former Secretary of State for Environment, Madrid. She was Secretary of State for Climate Change in Spain's Government between 2008 and 2011, responsible for environment and climate policies as well as the national meteorological agency. Between September 2012 and June 2013 she has been working in the renewable energy industry, on the deployment of PV solutions.



Bill Ritter jr., USA: Former Governor, Colorado; Director, Center for the New Energy Economy, Colorado State University; Chair, Report to the President on Presidential and Executive Agency Actions to drive Clean Energy in America. Before his election in 2006, he served as the district attorney for Denver. He was the first native-born governor of Colorado since 1975, as well as being the first Democratic governor to serve with a Democratic majority in the Colorado General Assembly in 50 years.



Francesco Rutelli, Italy: Former Vice Premier in the centre-left coalition, former Ministry of Culture, former mayor of Rome. No longer a member of the Democratic Party, Francesco Rutelli now dedicates all of his efforts to the Climate Change issue, since the founding of the "Centre for Sustainable Future."



Dr. Roberto Savio, Italy: President Emeritus, IPS. He is a journalist, communications expert, political commentator, activist for social and climate justice and advocate of global governance. He has spent most of his career with Inter Press Service (IPS), the news agency which he founded in 1964 along with Argentine journalist Pablo Piacentini.



Dr. Angelo Schiano, Italy: President Fondazione Italiani. The Foundation was created under the initiative of Dr. Angelo Schiano and is a "not for profit" organisation aiming to contribute to freedom of expression and the civil debate by promoting the right to discuss ideas and positions without constraints.



Gianni Silvestrini, Italy: Former advisor of premier Romano Prodi for Green Economy issues, for ten years he has been the editor in Chief of Qualenergia, the daily newspaper of green economy and green energies. In 2014 he has been elected President of Green Building Council Italy and of FREE, the Coordination of 27 Italian Associations on renewable energies and energy efficiency



Dominic Waughray, UK: Head of Public Private Partnership, Senior Director and Head of Environmental Initiatives for the World Economic Forum (WEF), Dominic oversees the organization's environmental and sustainability agenda (including its climate change and water security programs), largely focusing on green growth (especially finance) and sustainable consumption.



Dr. Dimitri Zenghelis, U.K. : Co-head Climate Policy, Grantham Research Institute, LSE; Chief Economist for the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate; Head of the Stern Review team on the Economics of Climate Change, 2005- 2007.